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Andhra Paper Limited

Serving you with pride..

Sustainable Thinking Committed To A Greener Future



Six Year Highlights

	UOM	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20
PAPER PRODUCTION	MT	2,32,861	2,35,749	2,50,292	2,35,155	1,64,408	2,27,600
PAPER SALES	MT	2,26,288	2,33,480	2,50,238	2,40,479	1,75,659	2,13,600
OPERATING RESULTS							
Turnover	₹/Lakhs	1,52,227	1,78,326	2,08,306	1,36,692	87,949	1,25,722
EBITDA	₹/Lakhs	22,329	52,593	78,674	26,581	7,611	31,702
EBITDA Margin	% on Total Income	14%	28%	37%	19%	8%	25%
Finance Costs	₹/Lakhs	1,789	441	718	544	451	532
Gross Profit (PBDT)	₹/Lakhs	20,540	52,152	77,956	26,037	7,160	31,170
Depreciation & Amortisation	₹/Lakhs	8,832	6,587	6,320	7,201	7,338	7,590
Exceptional items	₹/Lakhs	-	-	-1,538	-	-441	-
Taxation	₹/Lakhs	2,457	11,079	18,644	5,603	549	6,790
Deferred Tax	₹/Lakhs	359	511	-792	-741	-709	-4,502
Net Profit/(Loss)	₹/Lakhs	8,891	33,974	52,246	13,973	(460)	21,292
FINANCIAL POSITION							
Gross Block	₹/Lakhs	1,63,681	1,41,177	1,04,676	97,510	94,291	92,672
Depreciation	₹/Lakhs	58,726	50,842	44,733	39,082	32,804	26,080
Net Block	₹/Lakhs	1,04,956	90,335	59,943	58,428	61,487	66,592
Paid up Capital	₹/Lakhs	3,977	3,977	3,977	3,977	3,977	3,977
Reserves & Surplus	₹/Lakhs	1,90,106	1,85,343	1,54,240	1,05,432	93,545	93,608
Networth	₹/Lakhs	1,94,083	1,89,320	1,58,217	1,09,409	97,522	97,585
Borrowings*	₹/Lakhs	27,776	10,864	4,856	5,159	3,349	1,282
Capital Employed	₹/Lakhs	2,21,859	2,00,184	1,63,073	1,14,568	1,00,870	98,867
OTHER KEY PARAMETERS							
Earnings per share (FV ₹ 2) [#]	₹	4.47	17.09	26.27	7.03	-0.23	10.71
Book Value per share [#]	₹	97.60	95.21	79.57	55.02	49.04	49.07
Dividend	%	50	100	125	75	50	-
Dividend	₹/Lakhs	1,989	3,977	4,971	2,983	1,989	-
Debt Equity Ratio		0.14	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01

Note:

*Borrowings include Current, Non Current Debt & Current maturities of long term debt

[#]After sub-division of one equity share of face value ₹10 each into five equity shares of face value ₹2 each

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Forward-looking statements

Some information in this report may contain forward-looking statements which include statements regarding Company's expected financial position and results of operations, business plans and prospects etc. and are generally identified by forward-looking words such as "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will" or other similar words. Forward-looking statements are dependent on assumptions or basis underlying such statements. We have chosen these assumptions or basis in good faith, and we believe that they are reasonable in all material respects. However, we caution that actual results, performances or achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.



At **Andhra Paper**, sustainability is not a goal we pursue on the side - it is at the heart of how we think, operate, and grow. Every initiative **we undertake represents** a deliberate decision to build long-term value without compromising the **welfare of generations** to come.

Guided by the principle of Sustainable Thinking, Committed to a Greener Future, we continue to reimagine our business through the lens of environmental responsibility and resource efficiency.

From ethical procurement and cleaner production technology to recycling of waste and programs of afforestation, our efforts are all directed towards a deeper purpose to operate today with tomorrow in mind.

This philosophy is not just shaping our environmental practices; it is redefining how we deliver performance-ethically, transparently, and sustainably.

As we look ahead, we remain firmly anchored in this belief: that true progress is measured not only in numbers, but in the positive, lasting impact we leave behind.



ABOUT US

A Tradition of Unwavering Distinction

Established in 1964, Andhra Paper Limited (APL) stands as one of India's leading integrated paper and pulp manufacturers based in Andhra Pradesh with a production capacity of 2,20,500 TPA of virgin pulp and 2,59,400 TPA of paper, APL is the only paper mill in Andhra Pradesh using virgin pulp.

The company serves diverse segments, including writing, printing, industrial, and copier papers, with a

healthy presence in the global market. Our extensive product portfolio includes superior-grade writing and printing papers, paperboards, cut-size options, and speciality papers for applications like photo printing and packaging.

Also, APL remains dedicated to innovation, quality, and sustainability, shaping a future that benefits People and the Planet.

Andhra Paper Limited is committed to environmental sustainability, APL employs eco-friendly Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) pulp technology in its manufacturing processes. Operating two advanced mills in Rajahmundry and Kadiyam, Andhra Pradesh, we uphold manufacturing excellence, ensuring our products meet the highest standards while minimising our ecological footprint.



VISION

To become the top-performing and most respected Paper Company in India.



VALUES

We fulfil our commitments with the highest ethical standards.

We are focused on superior results to create value for our shareholders.

We are responsible towards our environment and our community.

HIGHLIGHTS IN FY 2024-25

Our Legacy of Business Excellence

2,26,288

Sales Volume (MT)

1,54,124

Revenue from Operations (₹ Lakhs)

22,329

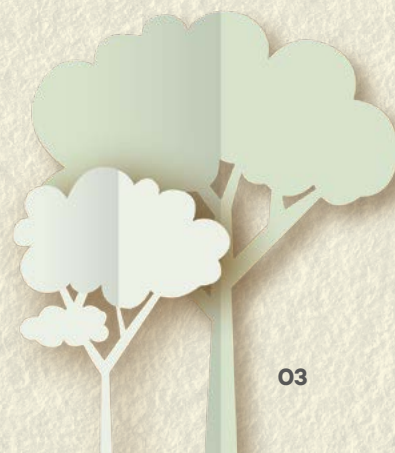
EBITDA (₹ Lakhs)

8,891

Net Profit (₹ Lakhs)

1,94,083

Networth (₹ Lakhs)



STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



**In times of
challenge,
resilience is not
merely about
survival; it is
about adaptation,
reinvention, and
finding strength in
new possibilities.**

Dear Shareholders,

This year has been one of resilience, adaptation, and forward-looking growth. Despite a challenging operating environment shaped by rising input costs, increased import competition, and temporary operational disruptions, your Company responded with strategic discipline and determination.

Reflecting on the year FY25, I am inspired by the resilience and dedication our Andhra Paper team has shown in navigating a tough year. While the market tested our resolve, we stayed true to our values, working tirelessly to adapt, innovate, and uphold the trust of our customers and communities. Our efforts to strengthen operations and embrace sustainable practices have set a solid foundation for brighter days ahead. I am confident that our shared commitment will lead us to new heights in the coming year.

WINDS OF CHANGE

The year 2025 opened with the United States imposing successive waves of tariffs on key trading partners and sectors, culminating in near-universal duties. Although many of these increases remain on hold, the combined effect has pushed US and global tariff levels to century highs. Unlike past eras, in today's deeply interconnected global economy—with its complex supply chains and financial linkages—such disruptions pose substantial



risks, especially to emerging and developing markets with limited policy buffers. The growing threat of trade retaliation only amplifies concerns for global economic stability.

In sharp contrast, the Indian economy in FY25 delivered yet another year of robust growth, with GDP expanding by 6.5%*, reaffirming the nation's status as one of the fastest-growing major economies globally. However, this macroeconomic momentum was accompanied by profound shifts that have significantly reshaped the landscape of the Indian paper industry.

Concurrently, global economic headwinds have exerted considerable cost pressures on paper producers, including elevated wood pulp prices driven by climate-related disruptions, tightening forestry regulations, and persistent global supply chain uncertainties. Domestically, rising power and fuel costs have further added to the burden, underscoring the need for operational resilience and cost optimisation across the sector.

Yet, even as these challenges emerge, new opportunities are also

transforming the industry. India's push to phase out single-use plastics has opened up fresh demand for sustainable, paper-based alternatives, aligning environmental stewardship with product innovation. Consumer and corporate preferences are increasingly favouring recyclable, biodegradable, and responsibly sourced paper products, driving a market-wide shift towards sustainability.

Perhaps the most dynamic change has come from the packaging revolution, powered by the rapid rise of e-commerce and the steady growth of the FMCG sector. With e-commerce expanding and packaging needs surging in tandem, the demand for high-quality packaging paper, boards, and speciality products has reached unprecedented levels.

For the paper industry, the fiscal year 2025, while demonstrating economic resilience, has also been a period where the ongoing transformation has notably accelerated. The industry has continued its strategic shift away from its traditional foundations, embarking on new avenues characterised by intensified innovation, enhanced sustainability efforts, and a more pronounced response to the changing demands of consumers. This evolution is particularly evident in the growing demand trends across packaging, hygiene, and speciality segments.

PERFORMANCE IN FY25

In FY25, Andhra Paper operated in one of the most challenging market environments in recent memory. Our total income stood at ₹1,62,997 lakhs, a decline of 14% compared to the previous year mainly on account of depressed domestic market conditions, intense competition from cheaper imports, especially from China and ASEAN countries. Further, the dip in earnings was primarily lead by increase in raw material cost, driven by 34% surge in wood prices. Finance cost increased owing to investment in capital expenditure. Also there were some temporary disruptions in the production resulting from Strikes and annual outage. Despite these headwinds, Andhra Paper demonstrated resilience and posted moderate profitability by maintaining operational stability through process efficiencies, optimising our product mix towards high-margin value added segments, and exercising prudent financial and cost controls through efficient operational capabilities, prudential financial management and posted a moderate profitability.

FORTIFYING OUR OPERATIONS

To overcome these challenges, we have significantly enhanced our operational framework and market positioning. When we took over in 2020, our manufacturing infrastructure was significantly outdated, relying heavily on traditional technologies. Recognising the need for continuous modernisation, your Company, invested around ₹520 crores in critical capital projects in a phased manner since 2023 at its Rajahmundry and

*Source: Business Standard

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-s-gdp-growth-projected-at-6-4-for-fy25-6-5-for-fy26-ey-report-125033000160_1.html

Kadiyam manufacturing facilities. These initiatives focused on advanced technology to optimise resource and utility consumption, pulp mill capacity enhancement, achieve energy efficiency. Process upgrades have improved product quality, productivity, and recovery rates, while cost-efficiency measures have enhanced our competitiveness. New product variants introduced during the year received an encouraging market response.

Key Projects Included

- Upgrades to our pulp mill for enhanced efficiency, reliability, and capacity.
- Improvements to the Fiberline, Chipper, and RJ5 Size Press at Rajahmundry, and the KA3 Size Press at Kadiyam, for capacity enhancement and process efficiency.
- Upgrades to the Recovery Boiler, Coal-Fired Boiler, and Turbine for improved energy efficiency and utility.
- Upgrades to the Waste Paper Recycling Plant for improved product quality and raw material utilisation.

These upgrades will boost production capacity, improve energy efficiency, ensure superior product quality, and reduce our environmental footprint, positioning us for a strong recovery.

We have also expanded our plantation drive to 15,036 hectares, boosting local employment for the farming community and strengthening our raw material base.

While FY25 tested our resilience, it reaffirmed the commitment of our people, our operations, and our long-term dedication to sustainable growth. We are confident that the foundation strengthened this year will enable us to navigate market cycles more effectively and capture emerging opportunities.

WIDENING OUR OPPORTUNITY LANDSCAPE

In keeping with our strategic focus on diversifying our product portfolio towards value-added products, we are entering the high-growth and lucrative tissue paper segment. Buoyed by the increased hygiene awareness, rapid urbanisation, and the rise of the hospitality and food service sectors, this market segment provides visibility for healthy growth over the medium term. We are investing in a 100 TPD greenfield facility for tissue paper. Post regulatory approvals, we expect to commence operations in Q1 FY 26-27. We have shifted the Tissue Paper Machine project to Rajahmundry to take advantage of the upgraded infrastructure consequent to upgradation of critical capital projects through the capital expenditure program approved by the Board.

This ₹270 crore project will position Andhra Paper to serve the fast-growing hygiene and tissue segments driven by changing consumer preferences, urbanisation, and environmental consciousness.

Strengthening Market Position and Customer Trust

Despite market turbulence, Andhra Paper made noteworthy strides in customer-centric growth. We recorded strong year-on-year sales growth in key value-added products like Truprint Ultra, Pharma Print, Cupstock Bottom, and Stiffener. Our efforts to deepen customer engagement, broaden the product portfolio, and improve service delivery enabled us to achieve an impressive OTIF (On-Time-In-Full) delivery rate of 96% — among the best in the Indian paper industry reflecting our commitment to customer satisfaction. Our ability to pivot between domestic and export markets, supported by product-mix and a robust dealer network, helped mitigate the impact of fluctuating market conditions and maximise realisation from these premium

offerings. This performance, reflects our continued commitment to quality, reliability, and customer satisfaction.

Sustainability and Raw Material Security

Sustainability remains at the heart of our growth strategy. Our farm forestry program continues to expand, securing raw material supplies while benefiting over 15,036 hectares of plantation land and generating over 75 lakh man-days of rural employment. Collaborations with research institutes like IFGTB Coimbatore and IFB Hyderabad have further advanced our goal of transitioning to high-yield clonal plantations, ensuring wood cost stability in the coming years.

We have also made notable progress in reducing our environmental footprint. We have significantly lowered energy consumption and emissions through targeted technology upgrades, positioning Andhra Paper for ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System certification. Initiatives such as the Non-Condensable Gas Collection System and Ash Leaching Reject Treatment reflect our commitment to sustainable and responsible manufacturing practices.

By integrating eco-efficient technologies, strengthening community partnerships, and securing sustainable raw material sources, we continue to embed environmental responsibility into every facet of our operations.

Leadership Transition

This year marked an important leadership transition at Andhra Paper Limited. After stepping down as Managing Director, I continue to serve the Company as its Chairman. Mr. Saurabh Bangur has taken over as Managing Director, bringing fresh perspective, vision, and energy to lead the Company into its next phase of growth.



My journey as Chairman & Managing Director has been deeply fulfilling and rewarding. With a strong foundation and an experienced leadership team in place, Andhra Paper is well-equipped for sustained growth. This was the right time to pass on executive responsibilities and entrust the future to capable hands that will drive the Company forward. I am confident that under Mr. Saurabh Bangur's leadership, Andhra Paper will continue to strengthen its operational excellence and create lasting value for all stakeholders.

LOOKING FORWARD

In FY26, we anticipate a cautiously improving market environment with a softening of wood prices in the second half of the year, improving domestic paper demand in packaging, hygiene, and specialty segments. Through significant upgrades to its manufacturing facilities, the company is well-positioned to regain its momentum.

We will continue expanding our product portfolio, leveraging surplus pulp sales, and driving operational excellence by leveraging efficiency in operations, infrastructure upgrades and prudent fiscal measures.

We are also committed to enhancing vendor partnerships, optimising the working capital cycle, and strategically allocating surplus cash into high-yield investment opportunities.

Our strategy is anchored in product diversification, operational efficiency, and customer satisfaction- all guided by responsible governance and sustainability. These efforts will ensure Andhra Paper remains resilient, agile, and aligned to market opportunities.

With these collaborative initiatives, we are confident that Andhra Paper will continue to navigate the evolving industry landscape and generate sustained value for all stakeholders.

Appreciation

Before concluding, I would like to convey my profound gratitude to

our employees, whose steadfast dedication and resilience have navigated us through a challenging year. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our customers, vendors, business partners, and all stakeholders for their trust and ongoing support. I express my gratitude to our Board of Directors for your strategic guidance and unwavering commitment.

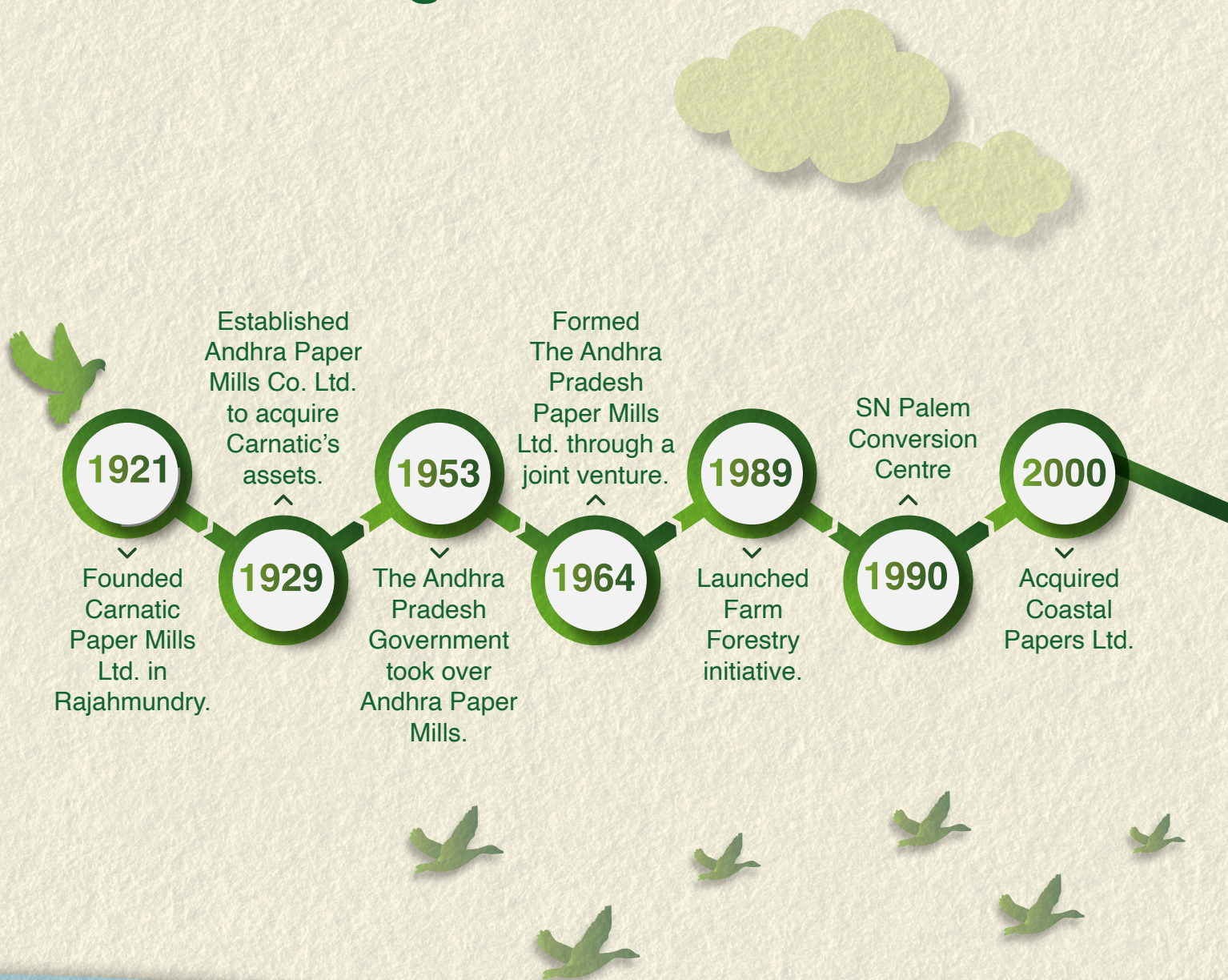
Together, we progress with optimism, assured in our capability to navigate the path ahead and generate long-term value for all those involved in the Andhra Paper journey. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient, and future-ready Andhra Paper. As we step into the future, we do so with confidence, clarity, and a deep commitment to creating sustainable value for all.

Warm regards,

Shree Kumar Bangur
Chairman

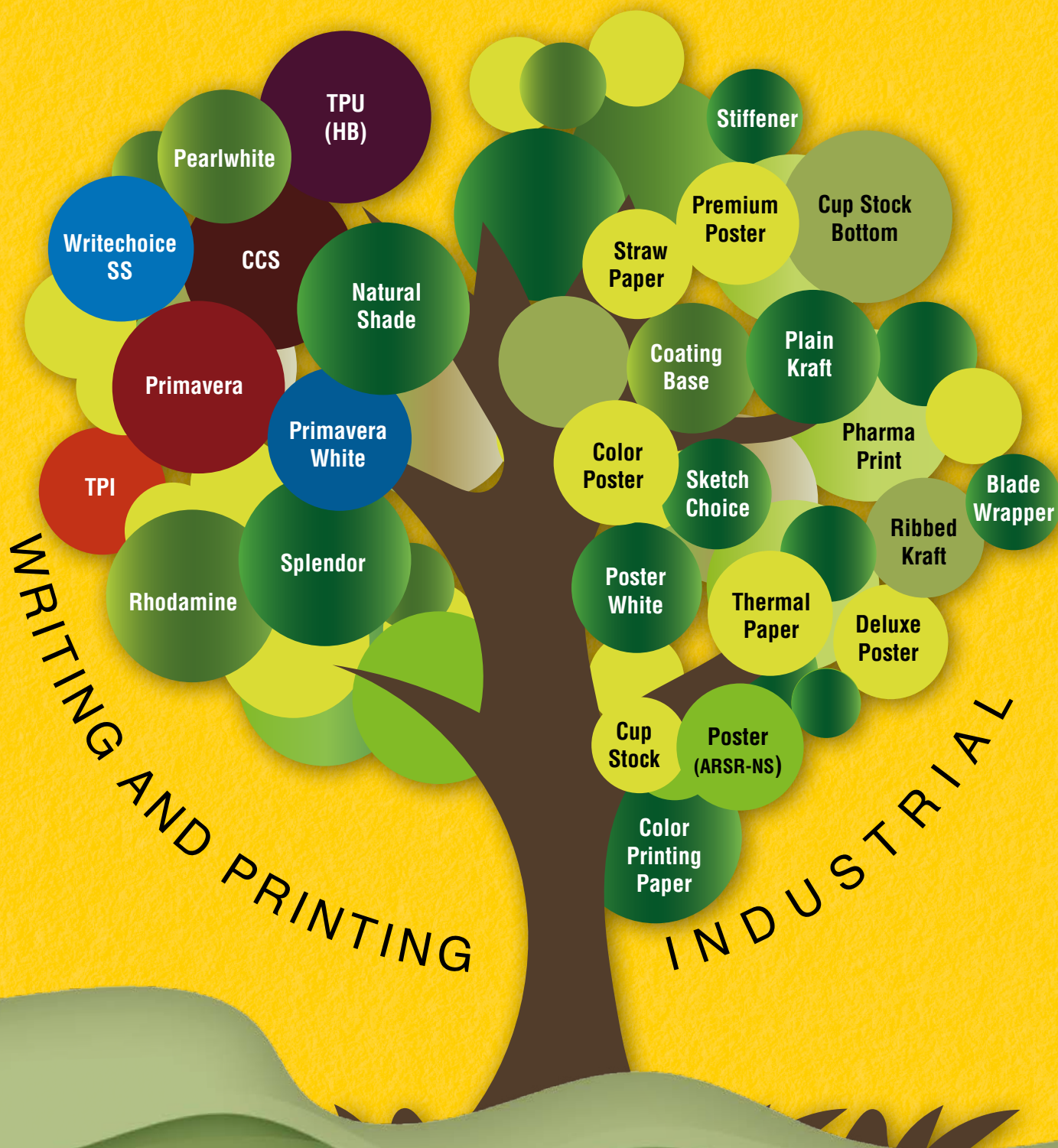
OUR JOURNEY

The Andhra Paper Story: Our Heritage and Horizons





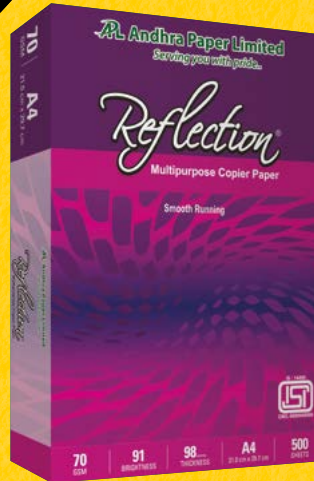
Product Portfolio



Reflection®



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70 GSM



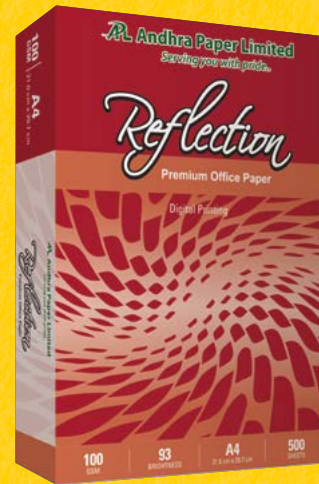
70 GSM



75 GSM



80 GSM



100 GSM

COPIER

BRANDS

Reflection 65 GSM, 70 GSM, 70 GSM -White, 75 GSM, 80 GSM, 100 GSM

APPLICATIONS

High-Speed Copying, Printing and Office Documentation



WRITING AND PRINTING GRADES

BRANDS

Andhra Truprint Ultra (HB), Andhra Primavera, Andhra Primavera White, Andhra Truprint Ivory, Andhra CCS, Andhra Natural Shade, Andhra Writechoice (SS), Andhra Rhodamine, Andhra Splendor, Andhra Pearlwhite

APPLICATION

Book, Notebook, Notepad, Diary, Calendar, Journals, Annual Report, Envelopes, Commercial Printing

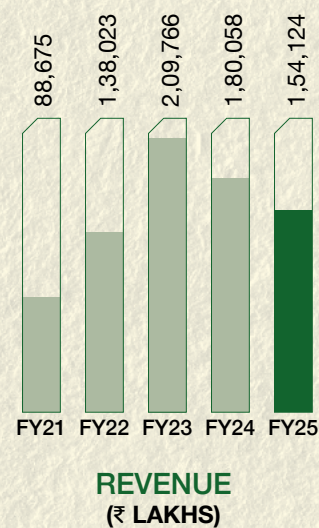
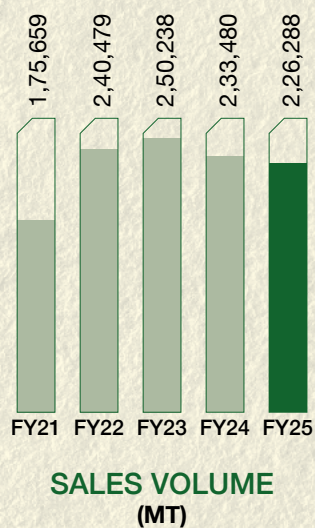
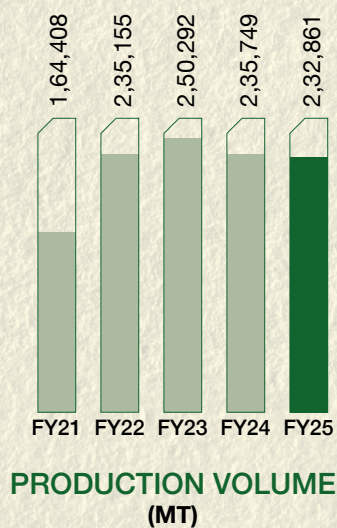


Andhra Cup Stock, Andhra Cup Stock Bottom, Andhra Straw Paper, Andhra Pharma Print, Andhra Thermal Base, Andhra Hi-Brite Blade Wrapper, Andhra Sketch Choice, Andhra Kraft (Ribbed & Plain), Andhra Stiffener, Andhra Color Printing and Poster, Andhra Coating Base

Paper Cups, Straw, Pharma Leaflet, POS Rolls, Outer Cover of Blade, Drawing and Cartridge, Pouches, Envelopes, Soap Inner Layer, Bill Book, File Covers, Chart Papers, Wedding Cards

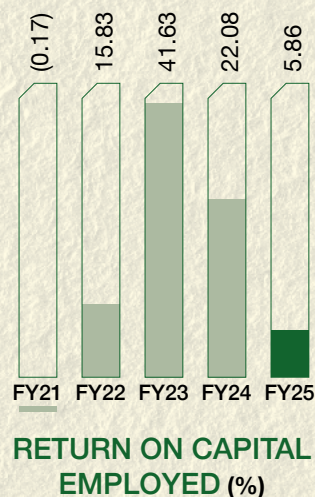
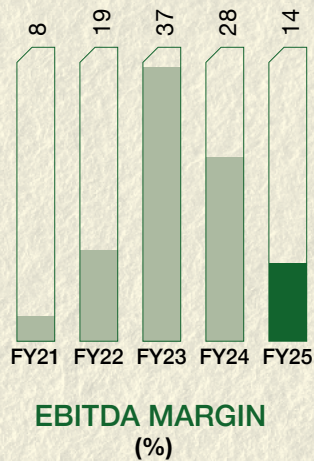
Key Performance Indicators

These metrics underscore our performance trajectory, profitability, and financial stability, reflecting our commitment to sustainable growth.

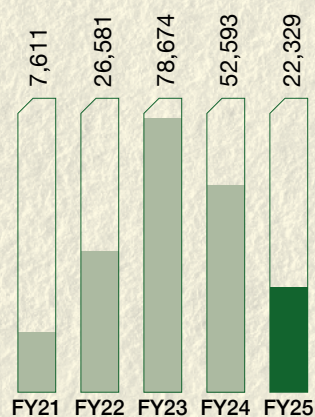


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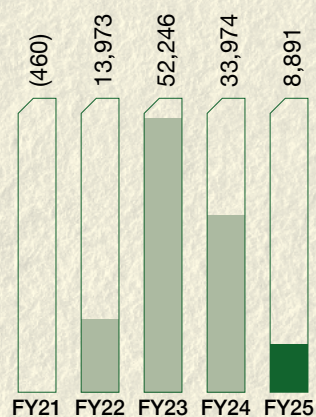
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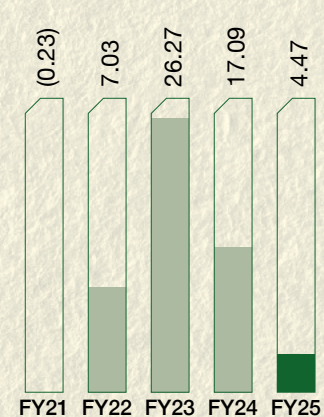
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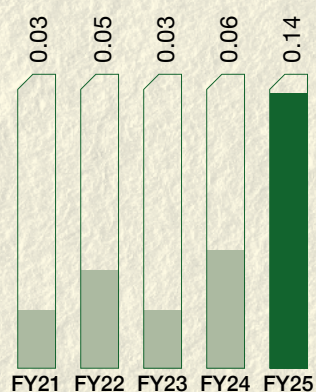
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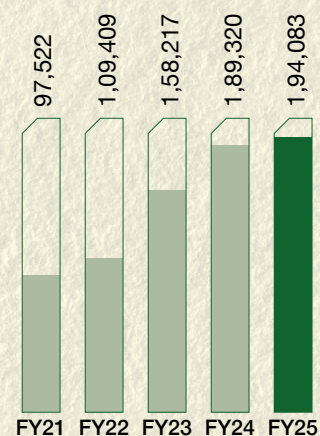
PROFIT AFTER TAX
(₹ LAKHS)



EARNINGS PER SHARE
(₹)



DEBT-EQUITY RATIO
(IN TIMES)



NETWORTH
(₹ LAKHS)

STABILITY

ESG

Making a Positive Change

APL asserts that businesses play a pivotal role in fostering positive societal change. Consistent with this conviction, the Company remains at the forefront of this transformation. By prioritising Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, APL fulfils its corporate responsibilities and generates sustainable shareholder value.



ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable Measures for a Sustained Tomorrow

In an era where industrial progress must harmonise with environmental stewardship, APL distinguishes itself as a prominent leader in sustainable practices within the paper industry. This underscores the company's unwavering commitment to integrating advanced technology, adhering to stringent ecological standards, and nurturing a vision that guarantees long-term sustainability for both its operations and the communities it serves.

HIGHLIGHTS

		
CO ₂ CAPTURE	FARM FORESTRY PROGRAM	WATER USAGE REDUCTION
10,239 tonnes of CO ₂ captured annually from kiln emissions.	Coverage across approximately 7,54,956 acres.	Reduced from 68 m ³ /ton in FY14 to 43.77 m ³ /ton in FY25.

		
BIOFUEL USAGE	CO ₂ CONVERSION	SAPLINGS PLANTED
Meets approximately 72.1% of steam and power needs at the Rajahmundry unit.	10,239 tons of CO ₂ converted into precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC).	2.05 billion saplings planted by the end of 2024–2025

	
CAPTIVE POWER FROM BIOMASS	R&D TRIAL PLOTS
72.1% generated from black liquor biomass.	10 trial plots for sustainable forestry research

Sustainable Resource Sourcing

APL's Farm Forestry Programme exemplifies the organisation's commitment to sustainable development. Spanning an approximate area of 7,54,956 acres, this initiative collaborates with farmers within a 150-kilometer radius of its mills, supplying them with complimentary saplings and technical guidance. By the end of FY24, 2.05 billion saplings had been successfully planted, ensuring a renewable wood fibre supply, fostering rural economic growth, and enhancing carbon sequestration.



APL's Farm Forestry Programme

Efficient Waste Management

The company's waste management strategies reflect a commitment to resource efficiency. At its Kadiyam unit, discarded paper is transformed into premium printing and writing paper, reducing dependence on virgin materials. Wastewater is treated through a dedicated sewage facility, and electronic waste is processed in compliance with regulatory requirements via certified recyclers. Plastic waste is an alternative fuel for cement production, while organic and inorganic sludge contributes to egg tray manufacturing. Fly ash is repurposed for brick production, and paper waste is reintegrated into the pulping process, establishing a comprehensive closed-loop system.



Waste Management Strategies

Carbon Emission Reduction

APL addresses its carbon footprint through innovative energy practices. Approximately 72.1% of the steam and power needs at the Rajahmundry unit are met using biofuels such as black liquor, wood waste, and sludge. A notable initiative captures 10,239 tonnes of CO₂ annually from kiln emissions, converting it into precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) for paper production, thereby enhancing process efficiency and reducing emissions. Plans for a Green Methanol Plant further underscore the company's decarbonisation efforts.



Carbon Sink

Waste Management Measures

SOPs

Proper handling and compliance for various waste types

Training

Annual sessions for Employees on waste handling

Segregation and Disposal

Follow SPCB guidelines



Emergency preparedness

Maintain Transport Emergency Cards (TREM CARD).

Compliance

Submit annual returns to SPCB

Safe storage

Use closed containers and concrete platforms with sheds

Water Conservation Measures

Water stewardship is integral to APL's operations. The company reuses machine backwater, secondary condensate, and treated wastewater for purposes such as irrigation. Technological enhancements, including upgrades to paper machine showers and filtration systems, have reduced water usage from 68 cubic meters per ton in 2013–2014 to 48 cubic meters per ton in 2024–2025, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to resource conservation.

**Water Stewardship****Research and Development for Sustainability**

Through 10 R&D trial plots, APL advances sustainable forestry by exploring genetic enhancements, improved silvicultural methods, and agroforestry innovations. These efforts aim to increase tree yields, enhance farmer livelihoods, and ensure a wood supply that exceeds consumption, reinforcing the company's environmental and social responsibility.

**Sustainable Forestry by Exploring Genetic Enhancements****Measurable Environmental Outcomes**

APL's initiatives yield tangible results. The conversion of 10,239 tons of CO₂ into PCC and the reliance on black liquor biomass for 65–68% of captive power highlight its ecological focus. Energy-efficient technologies, including LED lighting and high-efficiency pumps, complement advanced systems like the Valmet G3 cooking process. Certified under ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 45001, the company upholds global standards, with plans to further expand PCC production and plantation efforts.

MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY



Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) Process:

- Uses environment-friendly chemicals: Oxygen, Hydrogen Peroxide, Chlorine Dioxide.



Black Liquor Utilisation:

- Biomass rich in lignin, burnt to produce green power.
- Contributes to 72.1% of Company's power needs.



Chemical Recovery:

- 96% of Chemicals used in pulping are recovered and recycled.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING



Wood Fibre Sourcing:

- Sourced through Plantation/Farm forestry program, supporting farmers.



Lime Sludge Management:

- Burnt in a Rotary Lime Kiln.
- Solid sludge used by small board and egg tray manufacturers.



Recycled Waste Paper:

- Used in Kadiyam unit to manufacture high-quality printing and writing paper.



SOCIAL OUTREACH

Pursuing Social Progress through Purposeful Initiatives

At Andhra Paper Limited (APL), social progress is an integrated part of the business ethos. The Company's efforts are aimed at creating tangible, long-term value for its people and communities. From empowering rural livelihoods through its Farm Forestry Program to enhancing workplace inclusivity and safety, APL's initiatives are anchored in purpose. Its commitment to gender equity reflects a vision of a balanced and forward-looking workforce, while investments in employee development and well-being nurture an environment of continuous learning and care. The efforts collectively reinforce the company's role as a responsible corporate citizen, accelerating inclusive growth and societal advancement.

Key Areas of Social Impact

APL's social initiatives span multiple domains, each designed to create lasting value. Here's an overview of the primary focus areas:

- **Farm Forestry Program:** Empowers rural farmers with resources, training, and income stability.
- **Workplace Safety:** Prioritises employee well-being through robust safety systems and training.
- **Gender Equity:** Promotes diversity and inclusion within the workforce.

- **CSR Contributions:** Enhances community welfare through targeted education, health, and infrastructure projects.
- **Talent Development:** Nurtures a skilled and motivated workforce with development programs.
- **Health and Safety Protocols:** Ensures a secure work environment with proactive measures.

Building a Culture of Safety and Well-Being

APL places employee safety at the forefront with a comprehensive

framework. The Daily Safety Reporting System provides real-time monitoring, while motivational programs foster a safety-first mindset. Contractor safety is strictly enforced with penalties for non-compliance. Safety committees conduct regular assessments, supported by tools like Near Miss Reporting and Safe Work Observations.

Promoting Gender Equity in the Workforce

APL is dedicated to enhancing gender diversity, a commitment that strengthens its workforce and aligns with its inclusive values. While



Fork lift Operator Training

specific actions are still evolving, this focus promises a workplace where innovation thrives through equality, mirroring the diversity of the communities it serves.

Nurturing Talent and Inclusivity

Talent development is a priority, with APL offering a Performance Appraisal System for feedback and rewards

alongside leadership programs for growth. Workshops, training programs are conducted at regular intervals to boost employee engagement and morale.

A Legacy of Positive Impact

APL's social initiatives blend compassion with strategy, uplifting

farmers, protecting employees, and enriching communities. By integrating sustainable practices with human-centric programs, the company not only meets its social responsibilities but also inspires industry-wide change, leaving a lasting mark on society.



Health and Safety on Site Trainings for Staff and Workmen



Management Training Programmes

CSR

APL is not just one of the leaders in the paper industry but also a champion of social responsibility, weaving community empowerment and employee welfare into its core operations. With a strategic focus on sustainable growth and inclusivity, the company's initiatives uplift rural livelihoods, foster a safe and equitable workplace and drive meaningful community development.

CSR Vision

To take proactive steps and embrace opportunities to make positive, long term and meaningful contributions to the communities that are located around the company's manufacturing facilities and farm forestry areas.



Renovation of Auditorium at APPM High School, Rajahmundry



Provided computer lab facilities to APPM High School, Rajahmundry



Construction of Class rooms to DIET Government College, Bommuru, Rajahmundry



Infra support (Compound Wall) to MPP School, Kesevaram, East Godavari District



Supply of Medical Equipment to Government Hospital, Kadiyam



Supply of treated water for agriculture lands at Kondagunturu, East Godavari District



Construction of Old age home and community centre at Kadiyam, East Godavari District



Infra support to Government Schools in Kadiyam Mandalam



Swachhata Hi Sewa at Godavari Area, Rajahmundry



Supply of Vehicles to Kadiyam Panchayat for Waste Management



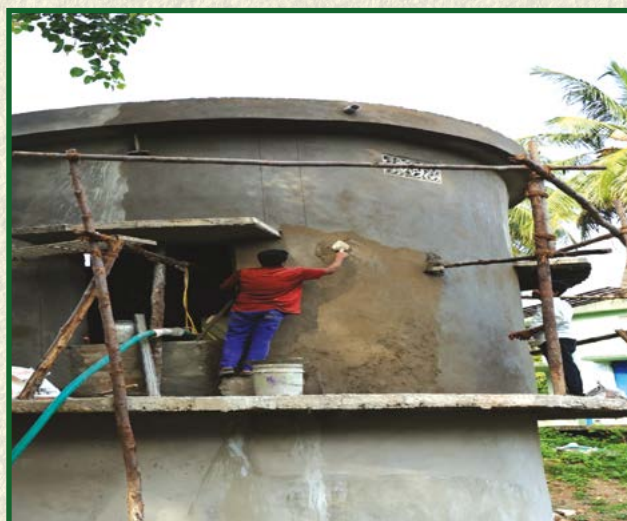
Infra support to Student Hostels in Rajahmundry for under privileged sections



Infra Support to APPM High School, Rajahmundry



Laid Foundation stone for construction of sump cum pump house at Kotilingalapeta, Rajahmundry



Working status of Sump cum pump house at kotilingalapeta, Rajahmundry



Parking Shed, Visitors Rooms for General Public at Sub-Collector Office, Rajahmundry





Infra support for 1100 Anganwadi Centres in East Godavari in collaboration with Women and Child Welfare Department



Constructed Bathing Ghat at Kadiyam Mandalam



Constructed Tensile Shed for Devotees at Annavaram Temple



Merit Scholarship presentation to 10th Class students in East Godavari Division



Constructed cycle shed at APPM High School, Rajahmundry



Supply of Critical Medical Equipment to Government Hospital, Rajahmundry

GOVERNANCE

Strengthening Organisational Integrity

Upholding Trust through Robust Governance

At APL, trust and transparency form the bedrock of our operations, guiding every decision and action to ensure ethical conduct and stakeholder confidence. Our governance framework is meticulously designed to foster accountability, promote equitable decision-making, and enhance long-term sustainability. By embedding integrity into our practices, we not only mitigate risks but also build a resilient organisation poised to thrive in a complex business landscape.

A Culture of Transparency and Accountability

Its rigorous oversight mechanisms and standardised processes reflect

APL's commitment to transparency. The company conducts periodic internal and external audits to ensure the effectiveness of its internal controls, safeguarding operational integrity. Clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) govern both manufacturing and business activities, providing employees with a structured roadmap for consistent and efficient performance. All sales and purchase transactions undergo a formal approval process established by the board, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and reinforcing ethical business practices.

Empowering Ethical Conduct through Whistleblower Protections

Central to APL's governance ethos is its Whistleblower Policy, which

fosters a culture of openness and accountability. This policy enables employees and directors to confidentially report unethical behaviour, suspected fraud, or violations of the company's Code of Conduct without fear of retaliation. By prioritising whistleblower safety through robust safeguards, APL ensures that concerns are addressed promptly and fairly, reinforcing trust across the organisation.

Diverse and Inclusive Leadership

The composition of APL's board reflects its commitment to diverse and experienced leadership. Comprising a balanced mix of executive, non-executive, and independent directors, the board brings wide array of perspectives and a wealth of experience to strategic decision-making. This diversity equips APL to navigate modern business complexities with agility and insight.



Board of Directors



Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur
Chairman & Non-Executive Director



Mr. Virendraa Bangur
Vice Chairman



Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka
Independent Director



Mr. Virendra Sinha
Independent Director



Mr. Sudarshan Somani
Independent Director



Mrs. Papia Sengupta
Independent Director



Mr. Saurabh Bangur
Managing Director



Mr. Mukesh Jain
Executive Director

Senior Leadership Team



Mr. Mukesh Jain
Executive Director



Mr. Rajesh Bothra
Chief Financial Officer



Mr. Sura Reddy Mallidi
Senior Vice President
(Mill Operations)



Mr. Sandeep Rao Thallapalli
Vice President (Sales & Marketing)



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Company Secretary

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Cost Accountants,
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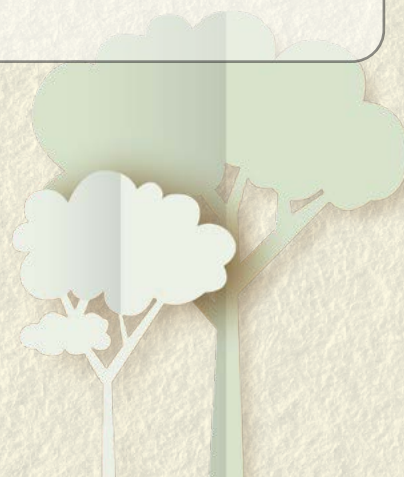
Batliboi & Purohit
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Mumbai

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D. Hanumanta Raju & Co.,
Company Secretaries,
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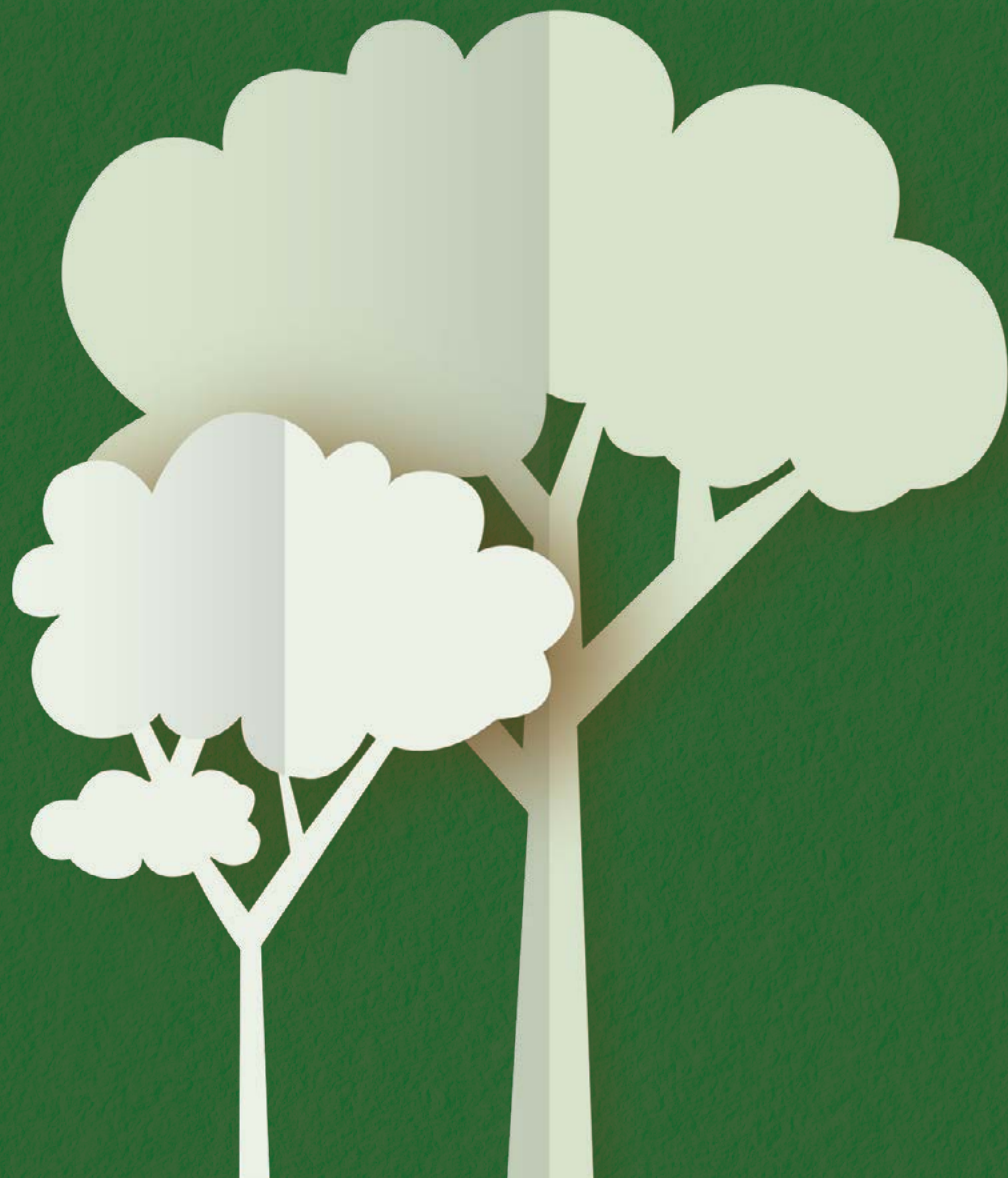
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Axis Bank Limited
HDFC Bank Limited
Standard Chartered Bank
IDBI Bank Limited
YES Bank Limited





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Management Discussion and Analysis



GLOBAL ECONOMY

The previous year presented a dynamic and challenging operating environment, characterised by heightened geopolitical tensions, evolving monetary policies, and nuanced economic indicators. Although global GDP growth remained stable at 3.3% in CY2024, compared to 3.2% in CY2023, it was lower than the pre-pandemic average of 3.6%. Proactive political and economic responses provide a degree of resilience.

Global manufacturing exhibited mixed results. Certain regions experienced growth, while others encountered a decline, particularly in the first quarter.

China remained a pivotal driver, demonstrating substantial quarterly expansion. European manufacturing also reflected mixed performance; overall, industrial production declined in the euro area and the EU. Overall, the global manufacturing sector witnessed modest expansion, with projected growth of 0.6%.

Global trade achieved a historic milestone, reaching a total of US\$33 trillion in 2024, representing an expansion of 3.7% (equivalent to US\$1.2 trillion), as reported in the latest Global Trade Update by UN Trade and Development. Most regions experienced growth, with the exception of Europe and Central

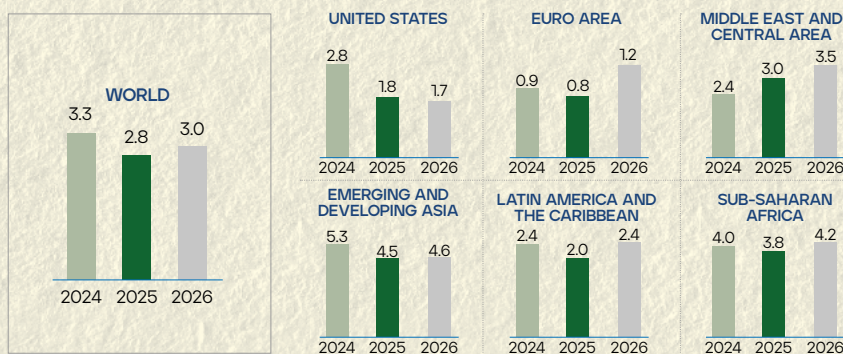
Asia. The growth rate varied across industries, with the agro-food, communication technology, and transport sectors reporting substantial gains.

Global inflation has moderated, primarily due to the effects of elevated interest rates, reduced economic growth, increased supply in specific sectors, and a decline in energy prices. It is projected that global headline inflation will decrease to 5.8% in 2024, a decrease from 8.7% in 2022 and 6.8% in 2023. Significant disparities exist among countries, as advanced economies are likely to achieve their inflation targets sooner than their emerging market counterparts are.

Outlook: The global economy in 2025 is characterised by a complex interplay of moderating growth, persistent inflationary pressures, and increased policy uncertainty. Although the global economy exhibited resilience in 2024, recent indicators imply a softening of growth prospects, with a projected GDP increase of 2.8% in 2025 reflecting the ramifications of tighter monetary policies and enduring supply-side constraints. The likelihood of an escalation in trade restrictions constitutes a significant threat to the global outlook.

Inflationary pressures remain a primary concern, with headline inflation recently trending upwards in an increasing number of economies. The principal challenge in 2025 lies in preventing global fragmentation and managing policy shifts without jeopardising long-term growth.

WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK APRIL 2025 – GROWTH PROJECTIONS BY REGION
(REAL GDP GROWTH, PERCENT CHANGE)



Source: IMF, OECD, KPMG <https://kpmg.com/xx/en/our-insights/sector-insights/global-economic-outlook-q3-2024.html>
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INDIAN ECONOMY

In an era characterised by escalating global trade tensions and persistent geopolitical uncertainties, the Indian economy has exhibited remarkable resilience and sustained momentum. This performance accentuates the robustness of the nation's domestic fundamentals, which have served as a buffer against a volatile global environment. Real GDP experienced a growth of 6.5% in 2024-25, following a 9.2% growth in FY24, signifying a strong and continuous economic expansion. Principal contributors to this growth encompass vigorous consumption and augmented government spending. Furthermore, manufacturing employment has also displayed significant expansion, achieving its second-fastest growth since the initiation of the PMI survey.

India's manufacturing activity experienced considerable expansion. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) has

consistently remained above the 50 mark (that separates growth from contraction), indicating the 44th consecutive month of expansion. Furthermore, the employment growth rate has been notable, and inflationary pressures have shown signs of abatement.

India's retail inflation hit a near six-year low of 3.34% in March, driven by lower vegetable and protein-rich food prices. This decline follows a recent repo rate cut by the RBI, which projects a 4% average CPI inflation for the fiscal year 2025-26. Wholesale price inflation fell to a six-month low of 2.05%, spurred by reduced prices for vegetables and essential foods.

India's total exports of goods and services rose by 5.5%, reaching a record high of US\$820.93 billion in FY25, compared to US\$773 billion in the preceding year. This growth is particularly noteworthy given the prevailing global economic uncertainties and trade tensions.

India is anticipated to achieve its fiscal deficit target of 4.8% of GDP for FY25, attributable to a stronger-than-projected nominal GDP growth rate, consistent revenue receipts, and controlled growth in expenditure. The current account deficit (CAD) has moderated. In conjunction with a surplus in services trade, remittances from abroad contributed significantly to a net inflow of private transfers. India has established itself as the global leader in remittance receipts, propelled by enhanced job opportunities in OECD economies. These elements have contributed to rendering India's current account deficit (CAD) manageable.

Gross Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows grew nearly 18%, highlighting the economy's appeal to international investors. This surge stems from investor-friendly policies, a large domestic market, and a stable economic environment. Moreover, India's foreign exchange reserves

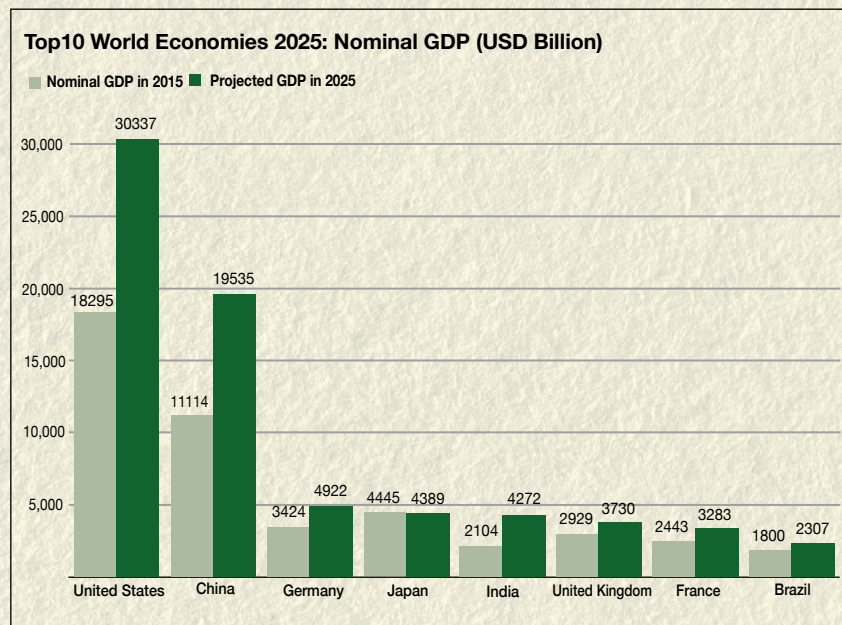
have seen a net improvement, with the country's reserves standing at US\$676.3 billion as of April 4, 2025. This provides an import cover of approximately 11 months, demonstrating the nation's robust external sector.

Outlook: India's outlook for FY26 is characterised by a blend of resilience and cautious optimism, navigating a complex global landscape. The country's large domestic market continues to provide a buffer against external shocks, and structural reforms are expected to gradually enhance productivity and efficiency.

Several key factors are expected to shape India's economic trajectory. Continued government focus on infrastructure development, evidenced by sustained public investment, is likely to be a significant growth driver. These investments are crucial for crowding private capital expenditure and are vital for long-term economic expansion. The ongoing digitalisation drive and policy support for manufacturing, including initiatives like the PLI scheme, are also expected to contribute positively.

However, the outlook is not without its challenges. Fitch Ratings has revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 downward to 6.4%, citing heightened global trade tensions and a moderation in global growth projections. The imposition of higher tariffs by the United States, particularly those targeting China and India, is expected to weigh on India's net trade performance. The Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy stance will be crucial in managing inflation and supporting growth, with expectations of further policy rate adjustments.

India's nominal GDP in 2015 was approximately US\$2,103.6 billion. By 2025, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts that it will attain a value of approximately US\$4,271.9 billion. This represents a growth of over 100% within a decade.



Top10 World Economies: Changing Ranks Over Last Few Years

In 2014, India was the world's 10th largest economy - it became the 5th largest in 2021 - and currently stands at that rank

Rank	Top 10 World Economies 2014	Top 10 World Economies 2025
1	United States of America	United States of America
2	China	China
3	Japan	Germany
4	Germany	Japan
5	United Kingdom	India
6	France	United Kingdom
7	Brazil	France
8	Italy	Italy
9	Russia	Canada
10	India	Brazil

Source: The Times of India

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GLOBAL PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY

The pulp and paper industry constitutes a global manufacturing sector with a wide range of applications in almost all industry branches worldwide.

Pulp is derived from wood, fibre crops, waste paper, and rags. Further, pulp is processed to manufacture paper and other products. The global pulp and paper industry holds its significance in being the foremost industry relying on forests. The major raw materials, such as wood, along with alternative materials, including wheat straw, bamboo, and rice husk, are utilised for the manufacturing of paper.

The pulp and paper manufacturing and supply industry is labour-intensive

and plays a vital role in socio-economic development. Moreover, the government's growing initiative for sustainable environmental development will fuel the pulp and paper market growth.

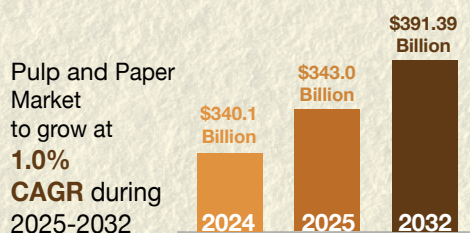
The global paper industry in 2024 is undergoing a significant transformation, marked by shifting demand dynamics and a heightened focus on sustainability.

While the demand for traditional printing and writing paper is declining, this is being counterbalanced by substantial growth in the paper-based packaging sector. The expanding e-commerce industry and a worldwide movement towards sustainable alternatives to plastic

packaging primarily fuel this surge. The growing adoption of paper as a packaging material, wrapping paper, printing paper, writing paper, rolls, tissue paper, and speciality papers is expected to boost the market growth.

Valued at US\$ 340.1 billion in 2024, the global pulp and paper market is projected to experience a moderate 1% CAGR in the coming years. This growth trajectory suggests a potential market value exceeding US\$ 391.39 billion by 2032. Going forward, paper manufacturers must adapt their production strategies and invest in innovative, environmentally friendly solutions to meet evolving consumer preferences and increasingly stringent environmental regulations.

PULP AND PAPER MARKET



INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Atlas Holdings ("Atlas") completed the acquisition of the pulp, newsprint, and directory paper mill operation from Resolute FP Canada Inc.



ASIA PACIFIC

\$179.16
Billion
2023

\$181.28
Billion
2024

North America | Europe
Latin America | Middle East & Africa



DRIVERS

Paper Recycling Activities by Companies



TRENDS

Penetration of Online Retail in Emerging Economies

BY CATEGORY

Printing & Writing 21.1%
Wrapping & Packaging
Sanitary | News Print
Others

CHINA, BY CATEGORY

Printing & Writing 18.6%
Wrapping & Packaging
News Print | Sanitary
Others



INDIAN PAPER INDUSTRY

The paper industry is one of the promising sectors with a long history. In India, the paper industry's history dates back to the early days of handcrafted manuscripts, representing a rich era. Today, it plays a significant role in contributing to the economy of the country.

Overview of the industry

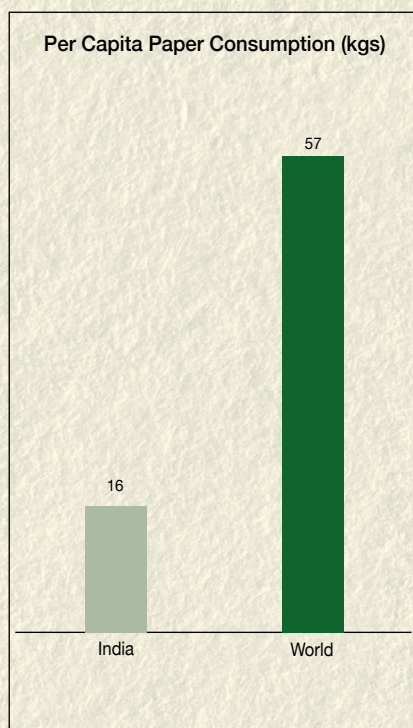
India holds a significant position as the 15th largest paper producer globally, contributing approximately 5% to the world's paper market. Currently, over 850 paper mills operate across the nation, collectively producing about 23 million tonnes of paper, paperboard, and newsprint

annually. A key characteristic of India's paper industry is its heavy reliance on recycled fiber, which constitutes, on average, 71% of the raw materials used for making paper or pulp. Wood accounts for 21%, while agro-residues make up the remaining 8%.

Despite this strong reliance on recycled materials, India faces a fiber

deficit. To meet the demand for wood, over 90% is sourced through industry-driven agro/farm forestry initiatives, highlighting a sustainable approach to resource management in the sector.

While India's per capita paper consumption is currently at only 16 kg against the global average of 57 kg, education, packaging, and thrust on manufacturing are driving the demand for paper. As a result, the demand for paper in India is growing at 6-7% per annum, making it one of the fastest-growing markets in the world.



PAPER SEGMENTS PROJECTED FY25

WRITING AND PRINTING PAPER	PACKAGING PAPER	SPECIALTY PAPER	NEWSPRINT
~25 % of paper market	~63% of paper market	~8% of the paper market	4% of the paper Market

Paper can be recycled up to 6-7 times, making it one of the most recycled products in the world.

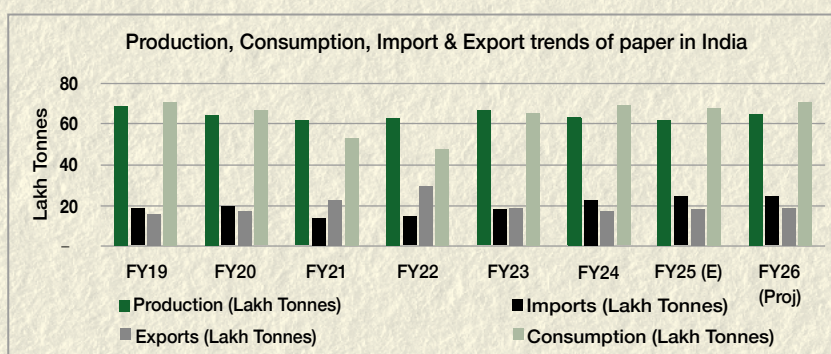
Source : Crisil Intelligence

Performance in FY25

In FY25, the Indian paper industry navigated a complex landscape marked by robust domestic demand, rising imports, and evolving sustainability imperatives. While the sector demonstrated resilience, external pressures and structural challenges influenced operational dynamics and financial performance.

Domestic consumption remained a cornerstone of industry stability, driven

by sectors such as e-commerce, education, and packaging. However, the industry faced headwinds from escalating imports, which rose by 3.5% to 992,000 tonnes in the April–September period of FY25, with imports from China surging by 44%. Despite adequate domestic production capacities, this influx pressured local manufacturers, leading to underutilised capacities and strained profit margins.



Source: CMIE & compiled by CareEdge Ratings
Comprising of paper of all kinds (excluding news print)

KEY GROWTH DRIVERS

- The Indian pharmaceutical packaging market is projected to reach US\$ 17.84 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 13.30% from 2024 to 2029, eventually hitting US\$ 33.32 billion by 2029. The demand for the pharmaceutical packaging industry is closely tied to the demand from the pharmaceutical sector. Specialist paper products offer environmentally compatible and sustainable

solutions for certain applications within the Pharma segment. (thepulpandpapertimes.com)

- India Stationery Market was valued at US\$ 2.61 billion in 2024 and is expected to reach US\$ 4.02 billion by 2030 with a CAGR of 5.64%. One major driver is the rising literacy rate and increasing enrolment in schools and colleges, which boosts demand for educational stationery items. In the Union Budget 2025-26, the allocation for the Ministry of Education has reached ₹1,28,650

crore, marking a 6.22% increase over the Budget Estimate (BE) 2024-25. This is expected to enhance literacy. India's paper-based stationery market, valued at ₹16,200 crore, is projected to reach ₹28,700 crore by 2030, driven by education and corporate demand. (www.techsciresearch.com, <https://india.paperex-expo.com>)

- The India Packaged Food Market was valued at US\$ 80.22 billion in 2024 and is expected to reach US\$ 115.87 billion by

2030, with a CAGR of 6.32% during the forecast period. The Indian packaged food market has experienced significant growth due to factors such as changing lifestyles, increasing disposable income, and urbanisation. Rising health consciousness, convenience, and ready-to-eat options also contribute to the market's expansion. The ban on single-use plastics in July 2022 has also created a substantial opportunity for paper-based alternatives like paper bags, cups, and other packaging materials. (www.techsciresearch.com)

- The Indian paper cups market reached 23.2 billion units in 2024. The market is expected to reach 29.0 billion units by 2033, exhibiting a CAGR of 2.38% from 2025-2033. The rising use in social and public gatherings, increasing demand for cost-effective and sustainable solutions, and growing environmental concerns represent some of the key factors driving the market. (www.imarcgroup.com)
- The Indian home decor paper market is a significant and growing sector, valued at US\$376.63 million in 2024 and projected to expand at a CAGR of 5.21% from 2024 to 2032. Urbanisation, a rising middle class, increased disposable income, global design trends, and a shift towards sustainable practices drive this growth.
- The Indian textile paper cone market is experiencing substantial growth, primarily driven by the expansion of the textile and packaging sectors. The market is estimated to be valued at USD 9.27 billion in 2025 and is projected to reach USD 15.18 billion by 2032, with a projected CAGR of 7.3% during the forecast period (2025-2032). In 2024, the textile segment dominated the market with the largest share.

According to Data Bridge Market Research, the textile paper cone product segment is also expected to witness the fastest growth during the forecast period.

- The Indian tissue paper market is experiencing significant growth, driven by increasing hygiene awareness, rising disposable incomes, urbanisation and the expansion of the hospitality and foodservice sectors. The market is projected to reach USD 10.50 billion by 2033, exhibiting a growth rate of 4.20% during 2025-2033.
- In 2024, India's e-commerce market was valued at US\$125 billion. It is expected to surge to \$345 billion by 2030, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15% over the next decade. This growth is propelled by increasing internet penetration, widespread smartphone adoption, enhanced digital payment infrastructure, and government initiatives such as 'Digital India.' A key driver of this expansion is the increasing participation of consumers from smaller cities.

THREATS

Rising Imports: A significant threat is the increasing volume of paper and paperboard imports, particularly from ASEAN countries and China, often entering India at zero or reduced import duties due to Free Trade Agreements. This surge in imports, which rose by 34% in FY24 and a further 3.5% in the first half of FY25, puts immense pressure on domestic manufacturers due to the price competitiveness of imported paper.

High Raw Material Costs: The volatility and increasing cost of raw materials, particularly wood pulp, pose a major threat. Global supply chain disruptions and increased demand from other wood-based industries have driven up domestic hardwood pulp prices by 20-25%. Domestic

manufacturers struggle to pass these costs on due to competition from cheaper imports, squeezing their profit margins.

Environmental Regulations and Sustainability Pressures: Stricter environmental regulations regarding deforestation, water and energy consumption, and emissions can increase the operational costs for paper manufacturers. The industry also faces pressure to adopt more sustainable practices, including increasing the use of recycled fibres and alternative raw materials, which may require significant investments in technology and infrastructure.

Fragmented Industry Structure:

The Indian paper industry is highly fragmented, with a large number of small and unorganised players. This fragmented structure limits the industry's ability to achieve economies of scale, invest in research and development, and compete effectively with larger international players.

Limited Availability of Quality Raw Materials:

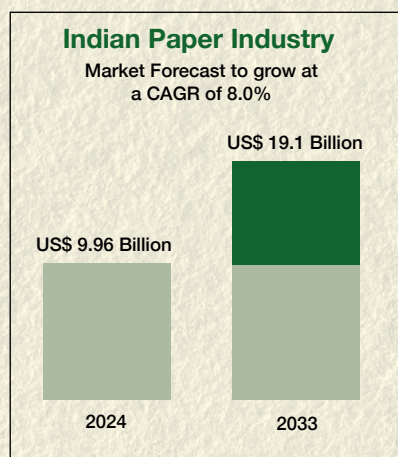
Besides the cost, the availability of good-quality fibrous raw materials, especially wood-based, is a persistent challenge. The industry relies heavily on agro-residues and recycled fibre, which often have shorter fibre lengths and other characteristics affecting paper quality. Dependence on imported pulp further exposes the industry to global price fluctuations.

OUTLOOK

Looking at FY 2026, the Indian paper industry anticipates a recovery with improved operating margins. The industry's profit margins are expected to improve over the next 4-6 quarters, according to a report by BOBCAPS. This will be driven by stabilising raw material costs, potentially lower import volumes, and strong demand from packaging, e-commerce, and education.

From a medium-term perspective, India's growing FMCG sector and high spending in education, coupled with growth in organised retail and demand for better quality paper as well as more health consciousness of people, etc., are triggering factors of the growth prospects of the Indian Paper Industry.

The Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) projected a CAGR of 8.2% over the next five years, aligning with national economic growth trends. This optimism is underpinned by significant investments totalling ₹25,000 crore in capacity expansion and technological modernisation, focusing on reducing carbon footprints and enhancing product quality.



COMPANY STRENGTHS

Strong Market Position & High Entry Barriers: Andhra Paper Limited (APL) holds a robust market position as one of India's largest integrated paper and pulp manufacturers. With a standalone capacity of 255,550 TPA and a track record of around six decades in the paper business, APL benefits from high entry barriers in the fragmented Indian paper industry.

Integrated Operations & Cost Efficiencies: Andhra Paper Limited (APL) operates with a fully integrated manufacturing process, from pulp production to finished paper products and in-house steam-based captive power to meet its power requirement. It also has farm forestry coverage of

around 0.3 million hectares. These factors contribute to operating efficiencies and cost control, providing a competitive edge.

Moderate Diversification & Value-Added Products: The Company has a moderately diversified product mix including maplitho, copier, and specialty paper. APL has been increasing its proportion of value-added niche products, which command higher realisations and face lower import threats, thus diversifying end-user segments. Cup stock, a growth segment, is aided by the plastic ban.

Strong Promoter Group and Management: The Company benefits from experienced promoter group with West Coast Paper Mills Limited (WCPM), which acquired a controlling stake in APL. This strengthens its market position and operational capabilities through synergies. APL also has a well-qualified and experienced management team.

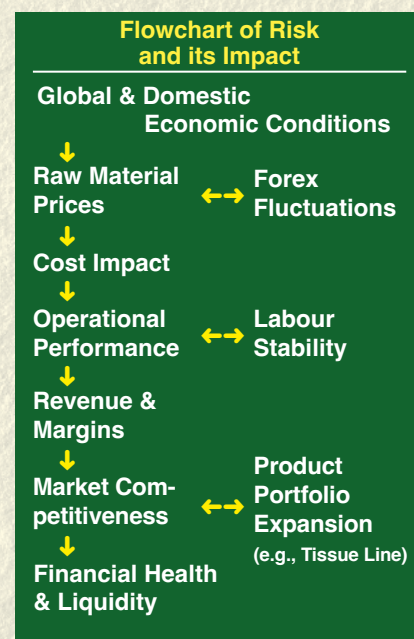
Comfortable Financial Risk Profile and Strong Liquidity: Andhra Paper Limited (APL) maintains a strong financial profile, consistently holding a net cash position since FY19, supported by healthy cash flows with low debt levels and cushion in fund-based working capital limits. Despite decline in profitability in FY 2024-25 owing to external factors, APL remained net cash positive, with a solid consolidated interest coverage ratio of 7.74 times. Liquidity remains adequate, bolstered by rising cash and equivalents ₹377.01 Lakhs as of March 2025.

Positioned for recovery: the decline in profitability in FY 2024-25 was mainly on account of intense competition from cheaper imports from China and ASEAN countries, increase in wood prices leading to dependency on imported wood chips and increase in other raw materials, disruption due to strikes and annual outage. However, APL is

strategically positioned for a recovery. The Company maintains sufficient wood inventory and anticipates a moderation in wood costs in FY 2026-27, driven by increased farm forestry plantation. APL's ability to adjust its product mix to meet customer preferences, coupled with strong market positioning and dealership network, allows it to effectively pivot sales between domestic and export markets based on market assessments. Furthermore, prudent cost optimisation measures will help improve margins. Significantly, industrial relations have notably improved, fostering positive sentiment and reducing the likelihood of strikes and unrest, which is expected to enhance productivity.

RISKS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Andhra Paper Limited (APL) operates in a dynamic environment characterised by fluctuating raw material costs, foreign exchange volatility, industry cyclicality, and labour-related challenges. Recognising these factors, APL has instituted a robust risk management framework to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks, ensuring sustainable growth and operational resilience.



RISK MITIGATION MATRIX

Risk Category	Description	Potential Mitigation Measures
Market Risk	The rise in paper imports driven by trade agreements, poses a threat to the growth of the domestic paper industry by intensifying market competition	The Company mitigates this risk by offering superior product quality, strong branding and customer service to maintain market leadership.
Raw Material Price Volatility	Prices of key inputs such as hardwood, wastepaper, pulp, chemicals, and coal can fluctuate significantly, affecting production costs and profitability.	The Company seeks to reduce exposure through long-term sourcing strategies, such as collaborating with local farmers for sustainable wood supply and exploring cost optimisation measures across its procurement processes.
Foreign Exchange Risk	Fluctuations in currency exchange rates affect the cost of imported raw materials, especially pulp, wood chips, and chemicals.	Andhra Paper may use financial instruments to hedge currency risks and aims to increase the share of locally sourced inputs where feasible to minimise dependency on foreign exchange fluctuations.
Cyclicality of Paper Industry	The paper industry is cyclical, with demand and pricing linked to broader economic trends, industrial activity, and consumer sentiment.	The Company monitors domestic and global market conditions to adjust production planning, diversify product offerings (including new tissue lines), and strengthen its market presence across stable demand segments.
Human Resource Risk	Labour-related issues such as strikes, wage revision demands, or talent shortages can disrupt operations and affect productivity.	Andhra Paper works to comply with labour laws, maintain good employee relations, and improve operational efficiencies to reduce the impact of disruptions. The Company has appropriate retention and reward program, structured training and succession planning for critical positions.
Environmental and Regulatory Risk	Increasing environmental regulations, especially related to emissions, water use, and sustainability practices, can raise compliance costs or operational restrictions.	The Company aims to align its operations with environmental standards, invest in sustainable technologies, and proactively manage regulatory compliance risks.
Technology and Competitiveness Risk	Advances in digitisation, substitution products (like electronic media), or shifts in consumer demand can reduce the relevance of traditional paper products.	Andhra Paper is expanding into high-demand segments such as tissue paper and specialty grades, leveraging R&D and process innovation to enhance product quality and maintain competitiveness.
Health and safety risk	Ensuring occupational health and safety is necessary for the Company to avoid any serious injuries that can result in loss of life.	Ensuring a safe, accident-free workplace is a top priority. Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, and Fatality Elimination standards are applied to routine tasks, while a Permit to Work system governs high-risk activities. A daily reporting system communicates unsafe conditions. An appreciation program rewards safe work practices, and a Contractor Safety Management system enforces accountability for repeated unsafe behaviour.

APL remains committed to continuously enhancing its risk management practices, ensuring the company's resilience and sustained growth in an ever-evolving business landscape.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Andhra Paper recognises the importance of a productive workforce and strategically invests in the attraction and retention of talented individuals who can contribute to the company's success. To ensure that its human capital remains skilled and competent, the Company implements effective talent management practices,

leadership succession planning, and organisational assessments. The "3C rule"—Character, Capability, and Catalyst—is integrated into employee development processes and tools, ensuring alignment with organisational objectives. Furthermore, Andhra Paper Limited enhances its organisational effectiveness by employing career planning along with training and skill development programs.

The safety of employees is of paramount importance at Andhra Paper. The organisation fosters a positive and inclusive work environment that expressly prohibits any form of discrimination and rigorously enforces a policy aimed at preventing sexual harassment.

Total number of employees as of March 31, 2025. : **5937**

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Company is present in all segments of paper ranging from writing, printing, industrial and copier papers. The Company's share in the export was approximately 4% in FY 2025. It remained focused on producing value-added products with higher Net Sales Realisations

to increase profitability including cup stock, pharma print and Hi BF Virgin Kraft.

The Company consistently makes efforts to improve its existing products to stay aligned with the industry trends. Feedbacks are gathered from the customers and channel partners to provide with personalised

and market-relevant products. Through its 'Think Customer', the Company focuses on offering its customers with 'right products for the right applications' that meet the customer requirements. During the year, the Company's phased capital expenditure program approved by the Board has significantly upgraded the manufacturing facilities, leading to:



- **Increased Production & Efficiency:**

Higher pulp and paper output (80 TPD incremental pulp, 3 TPD and 10 TPD incremental paper) with reduced downtime and power consumption at both Rajahmundry & Kadiyam.



- **Improved Quality & Sustainability:**

Enhanced paper quality, reduced waste, lower Chlorine Dioxide consumption, and better utilisation of recycled fibres.



- **Enhanced Reliability & Technology:**

Upgraded recovery boilers for improved steam generation, implementation of advanced cooking, bleaching, and recovery cycle technologies, and modernised lime mud drying.



- **Future-Focused Initiatives:**

A new limekiln for improved energy efficiency and chemical recovery, and an upcoming Non-Condensable Gas (NCG) system to eliminate odors, reduce hazardous pollutants, and recover energy, both contributing to long-term sustainable growth.

In the reported year, Andhra Paper Limited received a 96% OTIF delivery rate (on-time-in-full) and improved complaint closure to 90%, making it top-tier in the Indian paper industry. The strong distribution network of the Company within the domestic market has helped it to cater to the domestic demand. In the reported year, despite disruption in operations through strikes for 28 days, annual outage of 22 days and intense competition from cheaper imports, the total sales made by the Company was 2,26, 288 metric tones which shows the resilience of the Company in adverse market conditions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been dealt with in the Board Report. Please refer to the Board report for financial and operational performance.

For FY 2024-25, the CARE ratings reaffirmed the ratings of CARE AA; stable for long-term facilities and CARE AA; Stable/ CARE A1+ for short-term facilities. The ratings took into consideration the Company's balanced capital structure and strong liquidity profile with the availability of surplus liquid investments amidst low debt levels and cushion in the fund-based working capital limits utilisation. The India Rating assigned IND AA (Stable ratings for long-term facilities) and IND AA/Stable/IND A1+ for proposed bank facilities. The affirmation reflects the continued strong consolidated business profile led by a robust market position, moderately diversified portfolio within the paper industry, healthy operating performance with robust margins and a strong financial position with a net cash position.

Ratios

Particulars	31st March 2025	31st March 2024	Variance
i. Debtors Turnover	18.18	17.27	5%
ii. Inventory Turnover	5.51	8.77	-37%
iii. Interest coverage ratio	7.74	118.61	-93%
iv. DSCR	1.16	7.20	-84%
v. Current Ratio	2.97	3.06	-2%
vi. Debt Equity Ratio	0.14	0.06	152%
vii. Operating EBITDA margin (%)	8.73%	23.94%	-64%
viii. Net Profit Margin (%)	5.77%	18.87%	-69%
ix. Return on ROCE (%)	5.86%	22.08%	-73%
x. Return on Net Worth (%)	4.58%	17.95%	-74%

For further information and detailed explanations on ratios, please refer Note No. 50 of the Financial Statements.

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS AND THEIR ADEQUACY

Our internal controls over financial reporting are established, implemented, and maintained under the overall supervision of our Board of Directors, with active oversight from the Audit Committee. Our Managing Director, Whole-time Director, Chief Financial Officer and the senior leadership team, undertakes the day-to-day implementation and execution of these controls. These controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the accurate preparation of financial statements for external purposes, in compliance with the Companies Act, 2013, and other applicable laws and regulations.

All internal control systems have inherent limitations, including the possibility of circumvention and overriding of controls, and therefore

can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the designed control objectives. The Company's internal control system is supported by written policies and procedures, contains self-monitoring mechanisms, and is audited by Independent Auditors. Appropriate actions are taken by Management to correct deficiencies as they are identified. The Company has a process in place to continuously monitor the processes, identify gaps, if any, and implement new and/or improved controls wherever the effect of such gaps would have a material effect on the Company's operations. The Company takes full support of Internal Auditors, an external & independent Audit Firm, in this continuous process.

The Company performed an evaluation and made an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of its internal financial controls as of March 31, 2025. Based on this assessment, the Management

believes that, as of March 31, 2025, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting were effective and our Statutory Auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls over financial reporting as per their report.

The internal control environment includes an enterprise-wide attitude of integrity and control consciousness that establishes a positive 'tone at the top'. This is exemplified by our ethics programme, which includes long-standing principles and policies on ethical business conduct that require employees to maintain the highest ethical and legal standards in the

conduct of Andhra Paper business and have been distributed to all employees.

The internal control system further includes careful selection and training of supervisory and management personnel, appropriate delegation of authority and division of responsibility, dissemination of accounting and business policies throughout the Company, and an extensive programme of internal audits with management follow-up.

The Board of Directors, assisted by the Audit Committee, monitors the integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting procedures, the performance of the

Company's internal audit function and independent auditors, and other matters set forth in its charter.

The Committee, which consists of independent directors, meets regularly with representatives of management, the independent auditors and the Internal Auditors, with and without management representatives in attendance, to review their activities.

The Committee has reviewed and discussed with the Management and the independent auditors, the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025, including internal control systems, critical accounting policies and significant Management judgments.



BOARD'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors has the pleasure in presenting its 61st Annual Report along with the Audited Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2025.

Performance Review

The Indian Paper Industry faced significant challenges during the financial year 2024-25, primarily due to a surge in imports, rising raw material costs and softening realizations. Amidst these challenges, your company showed resilience and posted moderate profitability. The summary of the financial results are as follows:

Summary of Financial Results

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2025	For the year ended March 31, 2024
Revenue from Operations	1,541.24	1,800.58
Earnings before interest, depreciation & taxation (EBITDA)	223.29	525.93
Finance costs	17.89	4.41
Depreciation	88.32	65.87
Profit before exceptional items	117.07	455.64
Exceptional items	-	-
Profit before tax	117.07	455.64
Tax expense	28.16	115.90
Profit for the year	88.91	339.74

The total income declined by 14% during FY 2024-25 mainly on account of (i) A significant drop in domestic sales realizations, driven by intense competition from cheaper imports, particularly from China and ASEAN countries. (ii) increase in raw material costs by 8.95%, driven by a substantial 34% surge in domestic wood prices (a key input), led to increased reliance on imported wood chips. (iii) Increase in finance cost for capital expenditure including Tissue paper project. (iv) Disruption in operations caused by a workmen strike lasting for 28 days, planned annual maintenance shutdown of 22 days and an increase in total expenses by 5%. However, fixed cost savings provided some offset to the overall impact. The total production during the year was 2,32,861 MT, a decline of 1% over the previous year and the total sales was 2,26,288 MT a decline of 3% over the previous year largely attributable to the workmen strike, annual outage and subdued market demand. The management has taken considerable efforts in this regard and the industrial relations have significantly improved since then fostering a positive sentiment across the Manufacturing facilities.

Despite pressures on revenues and operating profits in FY2025, the company maintained moderate financial stability. This resilience is attributed to a strong market position, the ability to adapt its product mix to customer preferences, and a robust dealership network that allows

flexible pivoting between domestic and export markets based on demand.

The company implemented targeted strategies to improve margins through prudent expense and inventory management, tighter budgetary controls, operational efficiency, process optimization and automation. Furthermore, the company has sufficient wood inventory thanks to strong farm forestry initiatives, with wood prices expected to soften in the latter half of the year. Significant capital investments in manufacturing facilities during the year are anticipated to enhance production capacity and operational efficiency, leading to recovery in profitability and positive long-term returns for shareholders.

There was no change in the nature of business during the year.

Transfer to reserves

The Company does not propose to transfer any amount to reserves.

Sub division of Equity Shares

The Company after obtaining approval of the members of the Company and Regulatory and other approvals sub-divided the face value of the each of the Equity Share from ₹10/- to ₹2/-. The Company has obtained new ISIN: INE435A01051

from depositories for new face value of the equity shares and the trading with the new face value was commenced on both BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited effective September 11, 2024.

Dividend

The Board of Directors at their Meeting held on May 8, 2025 recommended a dividend of ₹1/- per equity share of ₹2/- each, for approval of the Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, and is in compliance with the Dividend Distribution Policy of the Company. The said Policy is disclosed on the Company's website: https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517957Dividend%20Distribution%20Policy.pdf.

Markets, Customers and Commercial Excellence

The Company sustains its core belief in "Customer First" and its endeavour to create value for the customers, "Serving you with Pride".

The Customers choose Company's products for quality applications of Printing, Publishing and Converting. Despite significant market uncertainties, the capex incurred in upgradation of plant and machinery ensured that the Company was able to use its inherent strength of product mix flexibility across machines to meet the changing Customer preferences both in Writing & Printing and Value Added application products. This resulted incremental YOY Sales of Truprint Ultra (39%), Truprint Ivory (20%), Pharma Print (13%), Stiffener (41%) and Cupstock Bottom (75%).

The Capex incurred during the year has ramped up manufacturing facilities and capacity utilisation which has increased the operational efficiency, optimisation of processes which in turn ensure that your Company is focused on delivering high-quality products thereby creating a colossal distinguish from the competition offering products up the value chain to the Customers. Apart from improving existing Critical to Quality parameters of existing product offering, continuous endeavour is done to develop new products based on feedback from customers and channel partners to make our products suit the changing end application requirements.

Additional capacity will generate surplus pulp, which will improve profitability. Adequate wood inventory has reduced the dependency on wood imports. Prudent treasury and working capital management, new vendor management system will improve margins. Planned delivery schedules helped overcome volatile trade flows.

The Company's fundamental value of "Think Customer" continues to produce desired outcomes to augment customer value by way of offering 'right products for right

applications' at an amplified speed to meet customer requirements.

FY 2025 Highlights:

- Sales of 2,26,288 MTs
- Domestic Sales of 2,17,142 MTs
- Substantial growth in Premium Maplitho Products like Truprint Ultra (39%), Truprint Ivory (20%) and Value Added Products like Pharma Print (13%), Stiffener (41%) and Cupstock Bottom (75%)

Operational highlights

With the shifting market dynamics, the Company increased its participation in value-added products, including Sketch Choice, Stiffener, Straw Paper and Azurelaid.

Products	Y-o-Y sales growth
Cupstock Bottom	75%
Stiffener	41%
Truprint Ultra	39%
Truprint Ivory	20%
Pharma Print	13%

The Company had put in its paramount efforts to achieve OTIF delivery rate (On- Time-In-Full) at 96%, forecast accuracy to 91%, and improved complaint closure to 90% that is uppermost tier in the Indian Paper Industry.

The Company is present in all segments of paper ranging from writing, printing, industrial and copier papers. The Company's share in the export was approximately 4% in FY 2025. It remained focused on producing improved quality Maplitho Products and value-added products with higher Net Sales Realisations to increase profitability.

Mill Development & upgrade

Your Company has made significant strides in optimizing its operations and investing in technologies that drive both efficiency and sustainability. The Board sanctioned capital expenditure aggregating to ₹520.40 Crores being implemented in phased manner for the comprehensive rebuild and upgrade of critical plant and machinery at our Rajahmundry and Kadiyam manufacturing units. This initiative replaces obsolete equipment and technology with cutting-edge solutions, aiming to significantly enhance operational efficiency, productivity, and product quality while reducing our environmental footprint.

The Pulp Mill development at the Rajahmundry unit, which began in 2023, focuses on these critical upgrades. To date, ₹508.40 Crores of the earmarked amount has been spent (including ₹84.81 Crores spent in May 2025, with the remaining capital projects scheduled for completion by July 2025).

Key Upgrades and Benefits

Our modernization program has successfully implemented several key projects, delivering significant improvements:

Enhanced Pulp Production and Efficiency:

- Fiberline capacity upgraded to 630 TPD with the installation of a modified chip feeding system (Valmet G3 cooking technology) and an add-on wash extraction screen set.
- New twin roll press technology improves unbleached pulp washing and reduces alkali carryover to bleaching.
- Dhot technology in bleaching has reduced CLO₂ consumption to below 13 Kg/T, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable manufacturing.
- A new Valmet-designed tube-type evaporator body has increased weak black liquor evaporation capacity to 280 TPH.

Improved Recovery Boiler and Chemical Recovery:

- The recovery boiler was rebuilt to 1500 TDS by replacing pressure parts with Andritz-designed spaced tube-type coils, significantly improving reliability and steam generation vital for energy self-sufficiency.
- A new 95 TPD Ash-leaching plant (Andritz technology) treats ESP ash, reducing corrosive chlorides (now around 5%) and potassium content in the recovery liquor cycle, thereby enhancing boiler operational reliability and thermal efficiency.
- The new 190 TPD lime kiln #3 and an upgraded re-causticizer plant (supplying 3200 M3/day white liquor) were successfully commissioned in May 2025.
- GLC-G3 technology has improved raw green liquor filtration, reducing suspended solids to below 50 ppm and enhancing white liquor quality.

Superior Paper Quality and Expanded Capacity:

- Paper Machine #5 at Rajahmundry was upgraded with a new Voith film press size press and size kitchen, enabling the production of surface-sized paper with enhanced print quality and strength.
- A new size press and size kitchen were also installed for KA#3 paper machine at Kadiyam, increasing machine speed and contributing an incremental 10 TPD to production.
- The Waste Paper Recycling Plant at Kadiyam was upgraded to 110 TPD, strengthening our capabilities in utilizing recycled fibers.

Operational Enhancements and Sustainable Technologies:

- Installation of a new Chipper (40 BDTPH) under pulp expansion project and integrated old TGs with single new 8.5 MW TG.

- New flash drying technology and disc filtration technology for lime mud drying have increased lime kiln operational reliability, production capacity, and efficiency.
- A drag chain conveying system has reduced burnt lime spillage and eliminated dust emissions.
- Major enhancements to the recovery boiler included replacing the platen-type superheater with a more efficient spaced tube type, improving its performance and longevity.
- A new 7th effect tube-type Valmet design Tubel technology evaporator body was integrated with existing lamella evaporator bodies in our 4F Evaporators, optimizing the evaporation process.

Ongoing Projects for Long-Term Sustainable Growth:

We continue to invest in projects that underscore our dedication to operational efficiency and sustainability:

- Non-Condensable Gas (NCG) Collection System Upgrade: This critical project will safely collect and incinerate highly pollutant, explosive, and corrosive NCG gases. CNCG gases will be incinerated in the lime kiln and DNCG gases in the recovery boiler, significantly improving air quality and workplace safety.
 - CNCG system start-up is planned during the Annual Outage in CY 2025.
 - DNCG system start-up is planned during the Annual Outage in CY 2026.
- Ash Leaching Reject Treatment: A solution has been developed to treat the inorganic rejects generated from the ash leaching process, which are characterized by high COD levels. Project erection is currently underway, with start-up and commissioning targeted for mid-September 2025. This treatment initiative is expected to reduce the load on ETP and enhance the quality of treated water."

Green Field Expansion Project

In January 2023, the Board had given in-principle approval to exploit opportunities in the Paper Board Segment through expansion and capacity addition by setting up an integrated Green Field Project at Unit Kadiyam, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. This proposed Mill Expansion Plan (MEP) includes the installation of a 1,75,000 TPA Paper Board Machine, a 1,60,000 TPA Writing & Printing Paper machine, a 1,92,500 TPA New Chemical Wood Pulp mill, and an 87,500 BD TPA BCTMP connected along with a Recovery Plant (1500 TPD of BLS). The plan also involves the expansion of the Co-generation Power Plant from 5.74 MW to 94 MW with a New Coal-fired Boiler and New TGs and auxiliary facilities in the existing paper mill at Unit: Kadiyam.

In this regard, the Company has filed the requisite application with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for Environmental Clearance. The environmental clearance process involves stages such as screening, scoping, public consultation including a public hearing if required and appraisal by expert committees (EAC/SEAC).

While the expansion program was aggressively pursued, current sluggish market demand has led us to re-evaluate its immediate advancement. Given the significant capital expenditure involved, our strategy now focuses on pursuing the expansion program and related approvals in a phased manner close to an anticipated revival in market demand aligning the expansion program with the profitability goals.

Tissue Paper Machine

In February 2024, the Board approved the installation of a new tissue paper machine to produce various grades of tissues—facial, napkin, toilet, and towel—to tap into the growing market demand. Initially, the Company obtained Consent to Establish from the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) on January 5, 2024, for installation of a tissue machine with a capacity of 35,000 TPA at its Kadiam facility.

However, the Company has since decided to strategically relocate the installation to its Rajahmundry unit to leverage the upgraded infrastructure, including an upgraded boiler, enhanced steam generation, abundant water availability, a robust Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP), established logistics, well equipped quality control laboratory and adequate power supply. This move eliminates potential transportation costs associated with transferring excess pulp from Rajahmundry to Kadiam. In contrast, Kadiam unit infrastructure need to be upgraded necessitating capital expenditure to support such operations. The Company will formally obtain necessary approvals from APPCB in this regard.

In May 2024, an agreement was signed with Valmet AB (Sweden) for the supply and commissioning of a tissue paper production line with a capacity of up to 100 TPD, expected to be delivered within 16 months from the order date. Supporting infrastructure upgrades include the enhancement of power transmission lines from 33KV to 132KV with an additional 7 MVA load, approved by the Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company on November 23, 2023.

The total approved capital expenditure for the project is ₹270 crores, targeting a production capacity of 100 TPD. Post APPCB's revised approval, commissioning and commercial operations are planned in Q1 FY 2026-27.

Raw Material Security

The Company continues to prioritize Forestry Research & Development (R&D) aimed at enhancing farmers' income from pulpwood plantations by increasing wood yield per unit area while reducing input costs. Building on the encouraging outcomes of the first phase of R&D projects, the Company has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore, for a five-year period from 2024 to 2028. Under this Phase-II collaboration, the Company is advancing its scientific research programs to further strengthen sustainable forestry practices.

Additionally, the Company has entered into a MoU with the Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Hyderabad, to evaluate the progress of its ongoing Farm Forestry program and to receive strategic guidance for continuous improvement.

A key strategic focus is the phased transformation of the Farm Forestry program from low-yield seed-origin plantations to high-yield clonal plantations. To support this transition, the Company is expanding capacity building and infrastructure development to increase clonal plant production. In 2024, the Company partnered with 38 nurseries in catchment areas to meet the growing demand for clonal plants.

Farm Forestry extension remains a cornerstone of the Company's engagement with rural communities. This includes organizing village-level Meetings with farmers, providing training to nursery growers and farmers, sharing best practices for pulpwood plantation development, and facilitating resolution of farmer concerns related to wood resource development and procurement. The Company supports farmers by supplying quality saplings at subsidized rates, offering technical expertise for plantation establishment, providing R&D support, and ensuring a ready market for wood produce.

In 2024, the Company introduced the distribution of Eucalyptus clonal plants and improved Subabul seeds to further boost raw material availability. Under its Farm Forestry program within the catchment area, the Company has successfully facilitated the distribution of 205 Lakh Casuarina clones, 799 Lakh Casuarina seedlings, 8 Lakh Eucalyptus clones, 147 Lakh Subabul seedlings. These efforts have covered approximately 15,036 hectares of land and generated 75.18 Lakh man-days of employment, significantly contributing to rural livelihood enhancement and raw material security.

Committed to Excellence: Our Certifications

Your Company continues to uphold high standards across its operations, consistently maintaining key international

certifications. Our Quality Management Systems and Environment Management Systems are continually accredited under ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, respectively. These standards, updated in 2015, highlight the crucial role of top management, proactive risk management, and adaptive change management in ensuring our business remains sustainable.

We continue to hold OHSAS 18001 certification (Occupational Health and Safety Management System,), an internationally recognized standard for effectively managing occupational health and safety risks within our business.

Demonstrating our commitment to energy efficiency, we have initiated Certification of Energy Management System ISO: 50001:2018 and anticipate its completion during FY 2025-26.

Energy Efficiency through PAT program: Your Company is a Designated Consumer under the Ministry of Power's Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) program, a critical government initiative aimed at enhancing industrial energy efficiency. We are pleased to report that Your Company successfully met the energy consumption reduction targets for PAT Cycle I. However, the Company encountered challenges in achieving the targets for PAT Cycle II. We are actively addressing the learnings from this cycle to enhance our future performance. For the financial year 2024-25, the Company falls under PAT Cycle VII. To ensure robust compliance and successfully meet the stipulated requirements, we have proactively appointed an authorized third-party agency to conduct a "Monitoring & Verification" (M&V) audit of our PAT Cycle VII targets, which is currently underway. Through these concerted efforts, your Company reaffirms its commitment to sustainable operations and continuous improvement in energy efficiency, aligning with the overarching goals of the PAT program and our broader environmental stewardship.

Depository System

As on March 31, 2025, 46,137 Shareholders are holding 19,80,58,455 Shares in dematerialised mode constituting 99.6% of the paid up Equity Share Capital and 1323 shareholders are holding 791,740 shares in physical mode constituting 0.4% paid up Equity Share Capital of the Company.

Management Discussion and Analysis Report

The Report on Management's Discussion and Analysis, as required under clause 2(e) of Regulation 34 read with Schedule V of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 covering industry structure and developments, opportunities and threats, outlook, discussion on financial performance, etc., is contained in "Management Discussion and Analysis Report" that forms an integral part of this Report.

Employee Development and Engagement

The Company's agenda for engaging and developing its employees encompasses a range of initiatives aimed at attracting, nurturing, and retaining talent. Key focus areas include diversity and inclusion, succession planning, building a strong talent pool for critical positions, implementing quality of life programs, and investing in leadership development.

We take a professional approach to industrial relations, consistently treating our employees with dignity and respect while upholding the core principles of labour relations.

We believe that an engaged and motivated workforce is essential to our continued success. As an employee-centric organization, we are committed to promoting work-life balance and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. In support of this, we organize various workshops and training programs focused on enhancing both the quality of life and leadership capabilities of our team. Additionally, our in-house gym and recreation club, managed by the Staff Club Committee, offer employees opportunities for fitness and leisure.

To further boost employee morale and foster a sense of community, we host a variety of events such as Senior Management Team Get-Togethers, garden parties, Diwali celebrations, movie screenings, and live cricket telecasts.

Leveraging Information Technology for Enhanced Operations

In FY 2024–25, the Company made significant strides in strengthening its IT infrastructure and digital capabilities to drive operational efficiency, security, and cost optimization. Strategic upgrades across hardware, communication networks, and business applications were implemented to align with organizational objectives and ensure sustainable growth.

Key IT initiatives completed:

- Time & Attendance System Upgrade:** Incorporated emSphere, integrating facial recognition for seamless attendance management, enhanced security, and a 76% reduction in recurring costs.
- Communication Infrastructure Enhancement:** Migrated to Jio and Airtel (excluding Hyderabad), doubling bandwidth, improving uptime, and reducing communication expenses by 50%.
- In-House Farm Forestry Application:** Developed a custom desktop and mobile solution, empowering field staff with greater control while eliminating 100% of third-party licensing costs.
- Advanced Security Integration:** Deployed facial recognition-based door access control at critical administrative locations, strengthening physical security and preventing unauthorized access.

- e) Financial Process Automation: Integrated banking systems with enterprise resource planning (SAP) software to streamline payment processes, enhance reconciliation accuracy, and improve transaction visibility.
- f) Network Security Upgrade: Transitioned from legacy systems to next-generation Palo Alto firewalls for superior threat prevention, simplified management, and cost savings.
- g) Endpoint Security Modernization: Implemented Palo Alto Cortex XDR for AI-driven threat detection and behavioural analytics, resulting in a 46% reduction in combined security expenses.
- h) File Server Modernization: Replaced aging servers with high-capacity (50 TB) HP servers, ensuring secure, scalable, and faster file access.
- i) Vehicle Tracking System: Introduced GPS tracking in all Farm Forestry and pooled vehicles for real-time monitoring, route optimization, and enhanced fleet security.
- j) Email Platform Migration: Transitioned to a cost-effective email solution, achieving savings of ₹55 Lakhs annually while ensuring comparable service quality.

These initiatives have collectively reinforced the Company's operational resilience, improved data security, and delivered significant cost efficiencies.

Community Service and Engagement

The Company is deeply committed to fostering inclusive growth and supporting the communities in which it operates, considering them a key stakeholder. This commitment is demonstrated through comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that directly address the genuine requirements of the local populace.

The Company is dedicated to providing substantial infrastructure support to schools and educational institutions in and around its operational areas of Rajahmundry and Kadiyam. This commitment primarily benefits less privileged sections of society and aims to encourage school attendance. Its support encompasses the construction of essential facilities such as classrooms, dining sheds, and compound walls, as well as providing furniture and computer equipment, Merit scholarship all designed to create a conducive learning environment.

In the realm of Health & Wellness, the Company has been instrumental in providing infrastructure facilities to Community Health Centers by supplying critical medical instruments such as ultrasound machines, fetal dopplers, X-ray units, alongside essential amenities like AC units, RO plants, and parking sheds. Support also extends to General Hospitals through the provision of specialized medical

equipment for diagnosis, treatment, surgery and patient care and monitoring.

Community development and livelihood interventions are central to the Company's efforts. This includes the establishment of Skill Development Centers, construction of community halls, construction of culverts in paddy fields, drains, supplying drinking water, providing tractors for solid waste management, street-lights, construction of toilets and bathing ghats for villagers. Furthermore, it supports women empowerment through tailoring centers for skill development provides essential supplies and infra support to Anganwadi Centres.

Beyond these core areas, the Company actively cooperates with local administration to support projects that directly aid and assist the general public. This includes the construction of water sump and pump house for diverting excess water during rainy season into canals to avoid flooding in neighbourhood villages, supplying food kits to flood-affected people, promoting public safety through initiatives like providing helmets for safety campaigns and undertaking cleaning of river bund under the swatch bharaat campaign.

Through these diverse activities, the Company consistently strives for the overall development and welfare of society, focusing on enhancing educational opportunities, improving healthcare access, strengthening community infrastructure, and empowering less privileged sections of society.

The Company has adopted a CSR Policy which is placed on the Company's website: www.andhrapaper.com. The Members of Corporate Social Responsibility Committee as on March 31, 2025 comprised of:

Mr. Virendraa Bangur	Chairman
Mr. Saurabh Bangur	Member
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Member
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Member

The Annual Report on CSR activities is attached as Annexure – 1 to this report.

Awards

During the year, the Company has won the "BRONZE" for the Best Safety performer for the year 2024 (Category- Chemical & Paper Industries) at CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Andhra Pradesh Industrial Safety excellence awards 2024 for Unit: Rajahmundry.

Related Party Transactions

Your Company has in place a Policy on Materiality of Related Party Transactions and dealing with Related Party Transactions, which governs the review and approval process for all related party transactions. All such

transactions are placed before the Audit Committee for prior approval. Omnibus approvals are also obtained for transactions that are repetitive in nature. Where the exact value of transactions cannot be estimated, the Committee grants approval based on reasonable projections for the financial year.

All related party transactions entered into during the year under review were in the ordinary course of business and on an arm's length basis. There were no material or significant related party transactions with promoters, promoter group entities, directors, or key managerial personnel that could potentially conflict with the interests of the Company at large. Accordingly, disclosure in Form AOC-2 is not applicable. However, Form AOC-2 is appended as Annexure 2 for completeness."

The Board of Directors approved a Policy on Related Party Transactions which is placed on the Company's website <https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Policy-on-related-party-transactions-1.pdf>. The disclosures on related party transactions are given in Notes to the financial statements.

Remuneration Policy

The Company has adopted the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter which contains, inter alia, framework for Directors' appointment and remuneration, criteria for determining the qualifications, positive attributes, independence of a director and other matters provided under Section 178(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("The Act").

Pursuant to Section 178(4) of the Act, the Company also adopted Remuneration Policy relating to remuneration for the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Executives in the rank of Vice President and above. The Remuneration Policy is placed on Company's website https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1599824266Remuneration%20Policy.pdf

Energy Conservation, Technology Absorption & Foreign Exchange earnings and outgo

Particulars of conservation of energy, technology absorption and foreign exchange earnings and outgo as required under Section 134(3)(m) of the Act read with Rule 8(3) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 are given in Annexure - 3 attached to this Report.

Risk Management

The Company has a robust business risk management framework to proactively identify and evaluate potential business risks and opportunities. This framework aims to create transparency, minimize adverse impact of risks on the business objectives and enhance the Company's

competitive advantage. The Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) has pinpointed several key concerns for the domestic paper industry such as Raw Material scarcity, surge in cheaper imports, unfavourable FTAs, Diversion of excess substandard inventory to India, lack of policy support and stringent regulations as major areas of concern for the domestic paper industry. The risks associated with the business, their description and the measures being undertaken by the Company to mitigate the risks is more detailed in the Management and Discussion Analysis Report forming part of this annual report.

Directors

During the year, Mr. Sitaram Sharma, Non-Executive Independent Director, expressed inability to continue in view of his health issues and ceased from the directorship of the Company w.e.f closure of business hours of March 31, 2025 post expiry of the first term as in independent Director. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the excellent contribution made by Mr. Sitaram Sharma during his tenure as a Non-Executive Independent Director.

Effective November 4, 2024, Mr. S.K. Bangur stepped down as Managing Director and continues to serve as the Chairman & Non-Executive Director of the Company and simultaneously, Mr. Saurabh Bangur assumed the role of Managing Director, elevated from his previous position as Joint Managing Director.

During the year, Mr. Virendra Sinha has been re-appointed as Non-Executive & Independent Director for second term for a period of 3 years w.e.f. April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028.

Mr. Virendraa Bangur, Non-Executive Director, is liable to retire by rotation at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and being eligible, offered himself for reappointment.

The Board of Directors, on the recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, reappointed Mrs. Papia Sengupta as an Independent Director of the Company for second term for a period of 3 years effective September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028 subject to approval of shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The Board commends their reappointment.

Independent Directors

Mr. Virendra Sinha, Mrs. Papia Sengupta, Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka and Mr. Sudarshan Vijaynarain Somani are Independent Directors of the Company.

All Independent Directors have given declarations that they meet the criteria of independence as laid down under Section 149 (6) of the Act and Regulations 16(1)(b) and 25(8) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing

Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("the SEBI Listing Regulations") and that they are independent from the Management of the Company and they are not aware of any circumstance or situation, which exist or may be reasonably anticipated, that could impair or impact his ability to discharge his duties with an objective independent judgment and without any external influence.

Further, all the Independent Directors have given declarations that they complied with the provisions of Companies (Appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014. Further, they have given declarations that they have complied with the Code for Independent Directors prescribed in Schedule IV to the Act and the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Company.

A separate Meeting of Independent Directors was held on March 18, 2025. All the Independent Directors of the Company attended the said Meeting.

Details of Key Managerial Personnel

As on March 31, 2025, Mr. Saurabh Bangur, Managing Director, Mr. Mukesh Jain, Whole-time Director (Executive Director), Mr. Rajesh Bothra, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Bijay Kumar Sanku, Company Secretary are the Key Managerial Personnel of the Company.

Meetings of the Board

During the year under review, 4 (Four) Board Meetings and 4 (Four) Audit Committee Meetings were held. The maximum interval between any two Meetings did not exceed 120 days, as prescribed by the Companies Act, 2013. The details of the Meetings held are given in the Corporate Governance Report forming part of this Report.

Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Annual performance evaluation of Board, Committees of the Board, Chairman, Managing Director and Whole-time Director (Executive Director) has been carried out based on various parameters.

A separate exercise for the financial year 2024-25 was carried out to evaluate the performance of all individual directors including Independent Directors who were evaluated on parameters such as level of engagement and contribution, independence of judgment, safeguarding the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders etc.

Board Training and Induction

At the time of appointing a Director, a formal letter of appointment is issued, clearly outlining their role, functions, duties, and responsibilities as a Director of the Company. This letter, in compliance with applicable laws, also details the statutory obligations and compliances expected from

them under the Companies Act, 2013, the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and other relevant laws and regulations. Furthermore, it explicitly covers aspects such as the Code of Conduct, Insider Trading Code, and the policy on Related Party Transactions, as mandated by SEBI LODR.

To foster informed decision-making and ensure good governance, the Board of Directors and its Committees are consistently apprised by management. These regular updates provide a holistic view of the Company's landscape, covering Business operations and financial performance, Detailed insights into operational efficiency and the Company's financial health, Progress and developments regarding key strategic objectives and growth plans, analysis of prevailing market scenario, competitive landscape, identification of potential headwinds, potential risks and mitigation strategies, opportunities and challenges and updates on adherence to the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and other pertinent laws and regulations, ensuring the Company operates within the prescribed legal framework. This continuous and critical flow of information empowers Directors to effectively discharge their fiduciary duties, exercise diligent oversight, and make well-considered decisions that contribute directly to the Company's sustainable growth and the enhancement of shareholder value.

Details of Familiarization of Directors are disclosed on the Company's website www.andhrapaper.com.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee as on March 31, 2025 comprises of Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani as Chairman and Mr. Virendra Sinha, Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka and Mr Saurabh Bangur as other Members. All the recommendations made by the Audit Committee were accepted by the Board.

Particulars of Employees

The information required pursuant to Section 197 read with Rule 5 (1) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 in respect of employees of the Company, is provided in Annexure-4. Having regard to the provisions of the second proviso to Section 136(1) of the Act, the Annual Report excluding the aforesaid information is being sent to the members of the Company. If any Member is interested in obtaining information on Rule 5 (2) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, such member may, write to the Company Secretary at the Registered Office in this regard or can inspect the related documents/information at the Registered Office of the Company.

Vigil/Whistle Mechanism

The Company has adopted Whistle Blower Policy to deal with instance of fraud or any unethical or improper practices. A copy of this Policy is available on the Company's website https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1658382966Whistle%20Blower%20Policy%20modified%20on%2021.07.2022.

Internal Financial Controls

The Company established internal financial control(s) commensurate with the size, scale and complexity of the operations. Internal audit function is being handled by a professional firm of chartered accountants. The main function of Internal Audit is to monitor and evaluate adequacy of internal control system in the Company, its compliance with the operating systems, accounting procedures and policies at all locations of the Company. Based on the report of internal audit function, process owners take corrective action in their respective areas and thereby strengthen the controls. Significant audit observations and corrective actions are reported to the Audit Committee.

Statutory Auditors audited the Internal Financial Controls (IFC) over financial reporting of the Company as of March 31, 2025 in conjunction with audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date. Unmodified opinion on IFC was given by them.

Statutory Auditors

The Report of Auditors for the financial Year 2024-25 does not have any qualifications, reservations or adverse remarks. The Report is enclosed with the financial statements in this Annual Report.

Messrs MSKA & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditors of the Company have been appointed, for a term of five years, to hold office from the conclusion of 58th Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of 63rd Annual General Meeting corresponding to the financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

Secretarial Auditors

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 204 of the Act and the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, the Company had appointed M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co., a firm of Company Secretaries to undertake the secretarial audit of the Company for the financial year 2024-25. Secretarial Audit Report under Section 204(1) of the Act issued by M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries, in respect of financial year 2024-25 is attached as Annexure - 5 to this Report.

Based on the recommendations of Audit Committee, M/s. Hanumanta Raju & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries, Hyderabad has been appointed as Secretarial Auditors of the Company for a period of 5 years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 subject to approval of shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

The Secretarial Audit Report includes an observation regarding a fine imposed by the Stock Exchanges (BSE and NSE) for an alleged non-compliance with Regulation 17(1) (A) of the SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015. This relates to Mr. S.K. Bangur's transition from Managing Director to Non-Executive Director and Chairman while he attained 75 years of age, which requires prior approval of member. While the Exchanges levied a fine of ₹94,000 each (totalling ₹188,000 excluding GST) for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, the Company firmly believes it is in full compliance with the relevant provisions. An application for waiver of these fines, providing detailed justification, has been submitted and a formal decision by the designated exchange NSE is awaited. As on May 8, 2025 the Company awaits the Exchanges decision."

Internal Auditors

M/s. Batliboi & Purohit, Chartered Accountants, Mumbai were appointed as the Internal Auditors for FY 2024-25. The internal audit reports and the suggestions made on a quarterly basis by the auditors, during the year under review, were duly noted by the Board and acted upon. The Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee have re-appointed the said firm as the Internal Auditors of your Company for the FY 2025-26.

Cost Auditors

In terms of Section 148 of the Act read with the Companies (Audit & Auditors) Rules, 2014, the Board at their Meeting held on May 8, 2025, on the recommendation of Audit Committee, appointed M/s. Narasimha Murthy & Co., Cost Accountants as Cost Auditors of the Company for the financial year 2025-26, at a remuneration of ₹4.50 Lakhs plus applicable taxes and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses and their remuneration is being submitted for ratification by the Members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Cost Accounting Records and Cost Audit

Cost accounting records for the financial year under review were maintained as per the Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014. M/s. Narasimha Murthy & Co., Cost Accountants were appointed as Cost Auditors of the Company to audit the Cost Records for the year ended March 31, 2025. The Cost Audit Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024 was filed with the Ministry of

Corporate Affairs in August, 2024. The Cost auditors have audited and expressed satisfaction about the maintenance of cost audit records, internal controls and issued an unqualified report.

The Cost Audit Report for the year ended March 31, 2025 will be filed within the due date.

Public Deposits

The Company has not invited, accepted or renewed any deposits under chapter V of Companies act, 2013. That the company has not been accepted any deposits, so there was no obligation arise to repay or pay any interest and no amount on account of principal or interest on deposits was outstanding as on the date of the balance sheet and thus no default.

Particulars of loans, guarantees, security or investments

The particulars of loans, guarantees, and investments covered under the provisions of Section 186 of the Act have been disclosed in the financial statements.

Subsidiary Company

Andhra Paper Foundation (Foundation), wholly-owned subsidiary ceased operations and activities since 2022 as the parent company directly absorbed all Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The Foundation's original purpose became redundant, leading to unnecessary compliance burdens. Consequently, the Foundation surrendered its Sections 12AA and 80G registrations under the Income Tax Act, 1961. An application was filed with the concerned Regional Director to strike off the Foundation under Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Regional Director vide its order dated November 11, 2024 allowed conversion into a private limited company, Andhra Paper Private Limited (APPL). Subsequently, APPL filed Form STK-2 with the Registrar of Companies, Vijayawada, to strike off its name from the Register of Companies under Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013. As on May 8, 2025 the application status is showing as "Under Process of Striking off".

A statement containing salient features of the financial statement of Foundation as on November 11, 2024 is attached as Annexure - 6 to this Report.

Annual Return

In terms of Section 92(3) of the Act, the Annual Return for the financial year ended March 31, 2025 is displayed on the website of the Company <https://andhraper.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Draft-Annual-Return-for-the-financial-year-ended-March-31-2025.pdf>

Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report ('BRSR')

Pursuant to Regulation 34 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, 'Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report' forms part of this Report as Annexure - 7, which describes the initiatives taken by the Company from an Environmental, Social and Governance perspective.

Material changes and commitments affecting the financial position of the Company which occurred between end of financial year and date of the Report

There was no change in the nature of business of the Company during the year. There were no material changes and commitments affecting the financial position of the Company which occurred between end of financial year and date of the report.

Directors' Responsibility Statement

The Board of Directors hereby confirms and declares that:

- In the preparation of final accounts for the year ended March 31, 2025 the applicable accounting standards had been followed;
- they had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the financial year end March 31, 2025 and of the profit and loss of the Company for the year;
- they had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- they had prepared the accounts for the year ended March 31, 2025 on a 'going concern' basis;
- they had laid down internal financial controls to be followed by the Company and that such internal financial controls are adequate and were operating effectively;
- they had devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

General

- There were no significant and material orders passed by the regulators or courts or tribunals which would impact the going concern status of the Company and its future operations.

- During the year under review, neither the statutory auditors nor the secretarial auditor has reported to the audit committee, under Section 143 (12) of the Companies Act, 2013, any instances of fraud committed against the Company by its officers or employees.
- The Company has zero tolerance for sexual harassment at workplace and has adopted a policy on prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment at workplace in line with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the Rules thereunder for prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment at workplace. Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) has been set up to redress complaints received regarding sexual harassment. All women employees (permanent, contractual, temporary, trainees) are covered under this policy. During the year, no complaints were received by the Company under Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- There is no application or proceeding pending under Insolvency and bankruptcy code, 2016
- The company has complied with all the applicable laws, rules, regulations and secretarial standards
- All Policies as required under the Act or the SEBI Listing Regulations are available on the website of the Company www.andhraper.com.
- Details of difference between amount of the valuation done at the time of one-time settlement and the valuation done while taking loan from the Banks or Financial Institutions along with the reasons thereof: Not applicable.

Acknowledgements

The Board of Directors wish to place on record their gratitude to the Central Government, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of Telangana and Company's Bankers for their continued support during the year.

The Board of Directors wish to convey their thanks to the valued customers and dealers for their continued patronage and place on record their appreciation of the contribution made by all the employees during the year under review.

For and on behalf of the Board

Shree Kumar Bangur

Chairman & Non-Executive Director

Place: Rajahmundry

Date: May 08, 2025

Annexure - 1

ANNUAL REPORT ON CSR ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

1. Brief outline on CSR Policy of the Company

CSR vision of the Company is to support, enhance and respect the communities and stakeholders wherever the Company operates its businesses. The focus areas of Company's CSR activities are Education, Health & Wellness and Community Engagement, which make positive contributions to communities around the Company's manufacturing facilities and farm forestry areas. The Company is continually refining its programs and seeking opportunities to make difference in the communities where they live and operate.

2. Composition of CSR Committee as on March 31, 2025

Sl. No.	Name of Director Designation / Nature of Directorship	No. of meetings of CSR Committee held during the year	No. of meetings of CSR Committee attended during the year
1	Mr. Virendraa Bangur, Chairman Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	1	1
2	Mr. Saurabh Bangur, Member Managing Director	1	1
3	Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani, Member Non-Executive Independent Director	1	1
4	Mr. Virendra Sinha, Member Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	1	1

3. Web-link(s) where Composition of CSR Committee, CSR Policy and CSR Projects approved by the board are disclosed on the website of the company: <https://andhrapaper.com/investors-csr-information/>

4. The executive summary along with web-link(s) of Impact Assessment of CSR Projects carried out in pursuance of sub-rule (3) of rule 8, if applicable: **Not applicable**

(₹ in Lakhs)

5	(a)	Average net profit of the company as per sub-section (5) of section 135	:	44,053.72
	(b)	Two percent of average net profit of the company as per sub-section (5) of section 135	:	881.07
	(c)	Surplus arising out of the CSR Projects or programmes or activities of the previous financial years	:	0.00
	(d)	Amount required to be set-off for the financial year, if any	:	0.00
	(e)	Total CSR obligation for the financial year [(b)+(c)-(d)]	:	881.07
6	(a)	Amount spent on CSR Projects (both Ongoing Project and other than Ongoing Project)	:	287.97
	(b)	Amount spent in Administrative overheads	:	39.04
	(c)	Amount spent on Impact Assessment, if applicable	:	0.00
	(d)	Total amount spent for the Financial Year [(a)+(b)+(c)]	:	327.01
	(e)	CSR amount unspent for the Financial Year 2024-25	:	554.06

Total Amount Spent for the Financial Year	Amount Unspent (₹ in Lakhs)				
	Total Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account as per sub-section (6) of section 135.		Amount transferred to any fund specified under Schedule VII as per second proviso to sub-section (5) of section 135.		
	Amount	Date of transfer	Name of the Fund	Amount.	Date of transfer
327.01	554.06	29-04-2025	NA	Na	NA

- (f) Excess amount for set-off, if any:
- Not applicable**

Sl. No.	Particular	Amount (₹ in Lakhs)
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Two percent of average net profit of the company as per sub-section (5) of section 135	0
(ii)	Total amount spent for the financial year	0
(iii)	Excess amount spent for the financial year [(ii)-(i)]	0
(iv)	Surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities of the previous Financial Years, if any	0
(v)	Amount available for set off in succeeding Financial Years [(iii)-(iv)]	0

7. Details of Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility amount for the preceding three Financial Years: (₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Preceding Financial Year(s)	Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account under sub-section (6) of section 135	Balance Amount in Unspent CSR Account under sub-section (6) of section 135	Amount Spent in the Financial Year	Amount transferred to a Fund as specified under Schedule VII as per second proviso to sub-section (5) of section 135, if any		Amount remaining to be spent in succeeding Financial Years	Deficiency, if any
					Amount	Date of Transfer		
1	2023-24	121.82*	0	121.82	0	NA	0	NA
2	2022-23	0	0	162.00	0	NA	0	NA
3	2021-22	162.00	162.00	235.00	0	NA	162	NA

*Unspent CSR amount of ₹121.82 Lakhs were spent in the FY 2024-25

8. Whether any capital assets have been created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year: **No**

If Yes, enter the number of Capital assets created/ acquired

Furnish the details relating to such asset(s) so created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year: **Not Applicable**

Sl. No.	Short particulars of the property or asset(s) [including complete address and location of the property]	Pin code of the property or asset(s)	Date of creation	Amount of CSR amount spent	Details of entity/ Authority/ beneficiary of the registered owner		
					CSR Registration Number, if applicable	Name	Registered address

9. Specify the reason(s), if the company has failed to spend two per cent of the average net profit as per sub-section (5) of section 135: **Not applicable**

Shree Kumar Bangur

Chairman & Non-Executive Director

Virendraa Bangur

Chairman CSR Committee

Annexure -2

FORM No. AOC – 2

Particulars of Contracts / Arrangements made with related parties (pursuant to clause (h) of Sub-section (3) of Section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 8(2) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014)

Disclosure of particulars of Contracts / Arrangements entered into by the Company with related parties referred to in Sub-section (1) of Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 including certain arm's length transactions under third proviso thereto.

A. Details of contracts or arrangements or transactions not at Arm's length basis.

There were no contracts or arrangements or transactions entered into during the year ended March 31, 2025, which were not at arm's length basis.

B. Details of material contracts or arrangements or transactions at arm's length basis.

There were no material contracts or arrangements or transactions entered into during the FY 2024-25.

Place: Rajahmundry

Date: May 08, 2025

For and on behalf of the Board

Shree Kumar Bangur

Chairman & Non-Executive Director

Annexure - 3

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO

[Section 134(3)(m) of The Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 8(3) of The Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014]

(A) Conservation of energy-

I. The steps taken or impact on conservation of energy:

At Unit: Rajahmundry -

- Recovery Boiler ESP- 3 Field : 1 to 4 was replaced along with replacement of ducting / cone / casing repair which resulted in reduction of infiltration of air and decrease in stack emissions, Meeting the environment norms. Achieved Power saving of 50 KW as renewal of ducting / cone / casing and also resulted in reduction in infiltration in turn reduction of ID fan Load.
- Reuse /recycle of Vacuum pump water resulted saving of mill water by 13 m3/h.
- Segregation of Condensate A and B at 4F evaporator plant resulting increase of secondary Condensate temperature by 10 Deg with a saving of LP steam at pulp mill by 36 T/ Day.
- Installation of Ash leaching plant for removal of Chloride and Potassium from recovery cycle resulting reduction in corrosion at recovery boiler, Reduce jamming in recovery boiler, increase recovery boiler thermal efficiency and reduction in steam consumption at 4F.
- Replacing all conventional lights with LED lighting with approx Energy saving of 15kW.
- Replacing the old Low Efficient pumps and motors with high efficient pp and motor with approx Energy saving of 6kW.
- Effluent Bellmar press shower water pump stopped by replacing treated effluent direct from pump house pumping system to save 15kW.
- CF#6 Boiler Cleated Conveyor VFD arranged with Approx saving of 5kW
- RJ3 Storage chest 3 & 4 pump and Agitator stopped with Approx saving of 59.3kW
- RJ#6 DC to AC drives replacement saves power of 100kW by avoiding Common DC motor blower and DC motor field supply.

Project Benefits:

1. Energy saving to the tune of approximately 250.3 Kwh.
2. Water savings at 13 M3/day.
3. LP steam saving at 36 T/day.
4. Improved performance of Recovery Boiler

At Unit: Kadiyam -

- KA#3 Pick-up felt life was improved by 10 days from 70 days to 80 days (average) with on-line cleaning and double doctor installed in suction press.
- KA#3 Wire life was improved from 45 days to 75 days by installing Double Doctor for Wire & usage of PCC

II. The steps taken by the company for utilising alternate sources of energy:

- The Company considered and analysed the possibility to shift to renewable energy sources, but the analysis showed current energy source is most cost efficient than the alternate energy source, so the management continuing with the current system.

III. The capital investment on energy conservation equipment's:

At Unit: Rajahmundry –

- There is no specific investments and is covered under above session A.1

At Unit: Kadiyam –

- SILENT Drive installed to reduce old gear load and to increase the speed of the machine.

(B) Technology absorption-

I. Efforts made towards technology absorption:

Unit: Rajahmundry

1. Climate Change - CO2 Sequestration:

23,270 TPA of Precipitate Calcium Carbonate manufactured at in house for usage in Paper process as filler, by utilizing Co2 emitted from Lime Kiln Stack fuel gas at the rate of 10,238.8 TPA and it is equivalent to approximately 3,58,358 trees plantation.

2. RJ5 FILM SIZE PRESS INSTALLED AND COMMISSIONED

Advantages - Paper quality improvement
 - Even with film size press, machine running @ 575 MPM
 - To meet the market/customer requirement
 - To reduce paper breaks with size press running
 - Low steam consumption with sizing section

3. RJ3 DISC FILTER MODIFICATION

Advantages - Improvement in fiber recovery
 - Improvement in back water system
 - Reduction in fresh water consumption

4. RJ1-RJ5 COMPRESSOR WATER & RJ5 PRESS ROTARY JOINTS RETURN WATER DIVERSION TO VACUUM PUMPS SEALING WATER PIT

Advantages - Reduction in fresh water consumption 775 Cu.Mtr/Day saving.
 - Better utilization of back water

5. RJ6 DISC FILTER WEAR PLATES AND DISCS CHANGING

Advantages - Improvement in fiber recovery
 - Improvement in back water system
 - Reduction in fresh water consumption
 - Improvement in super clear water quality

6. A4 SHEETER GO-DOWN TOP ROOF GI SHEETS REPLACEMENT WITH PUFF INSULATED SHEETS.

Advantages - To avoid AC Cooling loss
 - To reduce loading on the AC System
 - To improved runnability & reliability of A4 Sheeter components

7. CENTRAL REFINERS SHIFTING

Advantages - To accommodate the place for NEW TISSUE MACHINE.
 - To avoid any interruptions to the running plant or machinery
 - To access better control on refiners runnability.

8. RJ6 TRIM SQUIRT SYSTEM MODIFICATION FROM FRESH WATER TO CONDENSATE.

Advantages - To reduce the paper breaks, in RJ6 Machine
 - To improve the paper runnability, there

by rewinder runnability

- To reduce the down-time of the machine.

9. MS TO SS PIPE LINES MODIFICATION at around 1116 Meters in pulp supply areas

Advantages - To reduce the pulp, water leakages
 - To reduce the pulp or impurities jamming in the system.
 - To improve the paper quality.
 - Machine break-downs eliminated due to corrosion of lines.
 - To attain the free flow in the pipe line system

10. REPLACEMENT OF GREASE LUBRICATED FELT ROLLS WITH CENTRALIZED OIL LUBRICATED FELT ROLLS IN RJ6 POST DRYERS.

In RJ6 Paper Machine, post dryers' felt rolls 28 Nos. grease lubricated felt rolls replacement being done with 21 Nos. new oil lubricated rolls and 7 Nos. rolls with modification in the lub system.

Advantages - Reduction in Felt rolls Journal failures.
 - Reduction in Felt rolls bearing failures.
 - To reduce vibration levels and elimination of grease spots on paper
 - To reduce machine down-time
 - To avoid frequent checking and changing of bearings

11. RJ5 NO.6 VACUUM PUMP BY-PASSED AND RJ3 STAND-BY VACUUM PUMP KEPT IN CKT. (OLD SLM VACUUM PUMP BY-PASSED & K-202 PUMP KEPT IN CKT.)

Advantages - Reduction in power consumption
 - Installed power reduced 185 KW to 132 KW
 - To avoid vacuum fluctuations
 - To avoid paper breaks at Machine.

12. RJ3 NEW VACUUM PUMP K2000 INSTALLED IN PLACE OF OLD & OBSOLETE VACUUM PUMP.

Advantages - To improve runnability with rated vacuum
 - Vacuum power consumption reduced
 - To avoid vacuum fluctuations
 - To avoid paper breaks at Machine.

13. RJ2 BOT PUMPS REPLACEMENT WITH SINGLE PUMP

New BOT Pump (Removed from old pulp chest area), installed at RJ2 BOT Pumps system.

Advantages - Old and inefficient pumps replacement with single pump

- Easy replacement and maintenance with back-pull-out design
- To avoid back water fluctuations in the system
- To avoid machine down-time of RJ2
- Fiber saving & Reliability improvement
- No new procurement of pump, existing non-utilized pump installed.

14. RJ3 REFINING PROVIDED FROM RJ2 REFINING SECTION.

Advantages - To get enhanced strength, improved smoothness, better printability.

- To improve tear resistance, and fold endurance
- To improve paper quality

15. SPRINKLER WATER FLOW METER INSTALLATION

Magnetic flowmeters installed on sprinkler systems in the coal yard and causticizing area. These meters have been connected to the existing DCS system to enable accurate, daily monitoring and accounting of water usage. The data collected from these flowmeters **integrated (looped) into the existing Distributed Control System (DCS)**. The readings from the flowmeters are now available in real-time on the plant's centralized monitoring and control platform.

This allows for:

- **Daily monitoring** of how much water is being used.
- **Accurate accounting** of water consumption for operational or environmental reporting.
- **Improved environmental compliance monitoring and resource management**, potentially helping to identify inefficiencies or leaks.

16. RELOCATION OF SPM SIGNALS TO RLK#2 H₂S ANALYSER ROOM FOR IMPROVED MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

The SPM analyser signals from CF#6 Boiler, RB#4 Boiler, RLK#1, and Lime Kiln #2 were originally located at the RB#4 analyser room near the stack. To enhance maintenance accessibility and streamline environmental monitoring, all these signals have been relocated and centralized at a common platform in the RLK#2 H₂S analyser room. This new arrangement simplifies maintenance activities by consolidating all related signals in one location. Additionally, signals

from the upcoming Lime Kiln RLK#3 will also be integrated into this platform in the near future.

17. CD CALIPER MODULES FOR RJ#6 CALLENDER CALCOIL BEAM.

RJ#6 Callender beam is equipped with Honeywell make Calcoil system having 54 CD caliper modules and are working since 2010. CD Caliper modules are important to control caliper in paper. Recent failure rate of modules increased due to their aging and continuous operation. To improve calendar performance 14 Nos calcoil modules procured, installed, and observed that the calendar CD caliper system performance Improved.

18. REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE CONSISTENCY TRANSMITTERS IN RJ-1

RJ#1 Machine chest consistency transmitter is obsolete model Dezurik Pneumatic type replaced with Optical type consistency meter (SATRON) make.

19. RJ_1 FOR DRYER-3 & 7 INDIVIDUAL STEAM CONTROL VALVES ARRANGED

RJ-1 Dryer no-3&7 individual steam controlling valves arranged to improve quality & avoid rejections arising due to non-availability of individual cylinder control system while running at lower GSM and performance improved.

20. RJ_2 CUTTER UNWIND STANDS PNEUMATIC BRAKE SYSTEM ARRANGED

RJ_2 Cutter 4 no of unwind stands were arranged with Pneumatic loading brake circuit instead of mechanical loading break adjustment. This helped in rejections of draw. Existing are of mechanical brake system.

21. RJ_3 BOTTOM WIRE & PRESS PART OVERRUN'S ARRANGED

RJ_3 Bottom Wire & Press part area new overruns 6-no's arranged which helps in protect wire & felt damage due to overrun & Avoid major breakdown.

22. RJ_3 CUTTER UNWIND STANDS PNEUMATIC BRAKE SYSTEM ARRANGED

RJ_3 Cutter 5 No of unwind stands were arranged with Pneumatic loading brake circuit instead of mechanical loading break adjustment. This helped in rejections of draw.

23. ETP- BELMER SLUDGE PRESS OVERRUNS ARRANGED

Bellmer Press top and bottom belts new overruns 4 no's arranged it's protect wire damage due to overrun & Avoid major breakdown.

24. PULP MILL - COOKING:

1. New Kappa analyser commissioning done.
2. New Warm Water Pump (PU202M) and Hot water Pump (PU201AM) Commissioning done.
3. Feed Circulation Temperature Control Valve, TCV-3020, Valve body Modified from 2" to 3" as Valve Output was 100% for Setpoint of 98°C and Now Valve Output was 30% for Setpoint of 98°C to maintain Return Liquor Line Temperature of 98°C.

25. PULP MILL - WASHING AND SCREENING

1. New LOX line Pressure Transmitter, PT-3416 Commissioned.
2. WLOX plant White liquor surge tank was relocated for Pulpmill Upgradation Project and level transmitter was (LT-3054) taken in to circuit found ok.
3. O2 Feed Dropleg, 51MC Pump Delivery Control Valve, FCV-3357, E3 Logic given with O2 Feed Dropleg Level, LT-3352. For 40% FCV-3357, PID Controller Output will Shift to the Drive RPM 50% and Valve will be 100% Open and then Drive will Control the Level.
4. DD1 Washer Drive, TH027M, Second Run Feedback Provided, Provided and Graphics done to avoid Nuisance Tripping.
5. Screening, Delta Combi Junk Trap Hooter arranged and Programming done to avoid Black Liquor Flash Spill on the Workmen while dumping.

26. PULP MILL - BLEACHING

1. TRPE PO#2 Filtrate Tank Level Control Valve, LCV-4510, Valve body 3" modified with 6" New body as per Process People request to avoid tripping of Screening due to DD2 Washer Spray getting low during Bleach Plant Shutdown.
2. RJ#6 Transfer Pump Dilution and Delivery On/Off Valves, SOV's (Numatics) was modified with Schrader SOV's to Maintain Common Spare and also for Easy Maintenance.
3. D0 Washer Drive (TH029M), EOP Washer Drive (TH030M) and D1 Washer Drive (TH031M), Second Run Feedback Provided and Graphics done to avoid Nuisance Tripping.
4. RJ#6 LP steam Flow Indication, FT-9MJ03, provided in DCS to Centralize Steam Consumptions.
5. RJ#6 Mill Water Shutoff Valve, HV-2023, Valve replaced with AIRA Valve to maintain Common Spare.
6. Screw Press System Commissioned.

27. WETLAP PULP

1. Wetlap chest delivery consistency transmitter was relocated and indication given to DCS and also Machine speed indication given to DCS.

28. PULP MILL - CLO2 PROCESSES

1. Clo2 Plant, SVP Generator Methanol/Chlorate Feed Shutoff Valve body modified with PTFE lined Valve to Increase Plant Operation running availability.
2. Clo2 Plant, Sealing Water standby Pump, PU067AM, Programming done and trail taken to meet Emergency as running Pump failure and avoid environmental pollution during high rate of Clo2 Plant and also Run Feedback added in Shutdown Interlocks and Programming done to meet Emergency as Existing Pump Fails and avoiding to trip the Plant.

29. PULP MILL - O2 PROCESSES

1. Oxygen Plant, LOX Tank Delivery Temperature Transmitter Commissioned to Know the Temperature of the LOX Tank during unloading.
2. O2 To ETP aeration Tank connected Pressure, Flow meter & Control valve Provided and Commissioned.

30. REPLACEMENT OF CHIP FEEDING PUMP WITH LOWER POWER RATING.

1. Fiberline Digester house Chip feeding Pump- 1 110 kw replaced with 37 kw by providing high energy efficient pumps during plant upgradation.
2. Earlier three chip pumps in series with 110kw, 250 kw and 250 kw and it was changed to two pumps only with 37kw and 500 kw. Power consumption reduced and maintenance activities also reduced.

31. SCREW PRESS REBUILD/RECONDITIONED, ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING.

1. Old & unused screw press was rebuild/reconditioned by modification of flights angles, thickness and perforation modification for better efficiency. For uniform feeding consistency old unused stand pipe and Mc pump with controls arranged. It was installed and kept in running. We are getting 35% output consistency with 6% input consistency.

32. FIBERLINE SEALING WATER SYSTEM AUTO FLUSHING FILTERING SYSTEM ARRANGE.

1. Lot of foreign particles in the sealing water are clogging at Mechanical seal area and resulted equipment failure and leads to production loss. To avoid this we have arranged auto flushing/cleaning filters provided inline with existing manual filters. Now Mechanical seal failures due to sealing water was minimized.

33. JUNK TRAP SYSTEM ARRANGED IN CHIP FEEDING TO DIGESTER.

1. Lot of high dense particles, stones and other foreign material used to entering into continuous

Digester along with Chips. We have arranged auto dumping with pneumatic operated gate valves for frequent flushing out in between Chip tube and Chip pumps. Now many high dense particles are collected in the junk trap and equipment failure like stuck up, worn out and other failures are reduced.

34. ENVIRONMENT

- 1) Water flow meters provided at the inlet headers of Sprinklers for dust suppression for monitoring and control
- 2) New test analyser procured for monitoring of odour compounds in the atmosphere.
- 3) New Dissolved Oxygen tester procured for better control in Aeration tanks.
- 4) Integrated Online stack emission-monitoring stations at single location for better monitoring and control.
- 5) Storm water drainage renovated in new warehouse areas for compliance.
- 6) Liquid Oxygen injection line extended from Pulp mill LOX plant to ETP Aeration system to address if any process emergencies for compliance.

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- **KA#3 silent drive**

KA#3 gear trains in the dryer sections were replaced with silent drive to reduce vibration levels as well as to eliminate oil leakages. Speed of the machine also increases from 650 mpm to 690 mpm

Machine Drives transformer (2 MVA) replaced with spare transformer to improve the reliability

Size Press & Silent Drives Modification -Existing Drives Panel Extension requirement. New Panels Installed & Commissioned

- **KA#3 Film press**

New Film press along with size kitchen installed to improve the surface property thereby the KA#3 product is suitable for 4 colour printing.

- **KA#3 Press part frames change**

KA#3 press part frames are replaced with SS gladding along with cantilever system to reduce the felt change from 12 hours to 8 hours. The vibration levels of frames reduced at press part

KA#3, 3rd Press ABB Drive System obsoleted. New Standalone Drive Panel Installed to improve the reliability.

- **KA#2 MG grinding and coating**

KA#2 MG surface was ground and coating was provided to improve the Gloss values from 7 to 12.

- **Waste Paper Recycled Plant Revamping**

- a. The Waste Paper Recycling Plant was strengthened with New Drum pulper, coarse screening, LC screening, new floatation and new disperser to achieve better cleanliness and brightness of the pulp.
- b. The old Electrical MCC system was replaced with a new one at the Waste Paper Recycled Fiber Plant.
- c. Existing Panels are Not DCS Supportive. New PCC and MCC Panels Installed For additional new Equipment's existing Transformers capacity not sufficient. Transformers 2.5MVA-2 Nos Installed
- d. Motor Power Cables are under ground and deuterated, All New Power & Control Cables laid from Overhead.
- e. Grid PF Improvement Purpose APFC Panels-3 Nos Installed

- KA#3, No.3 Chest Pump Running load is Less, Motor Changed from 37KW to 22KW Power Savings Observed (Nearly 10KW).

- KA#3 Air Dryer unit installed, to avoid the Moisture carrying in airline to improve efficiency of instruments & avoid instruments failure.

- KA2 Machine MG Hydraulic power pack replaced, to avoid touch roll uneven loading issues. Reliability improved.

- KA # 3 Finishing house side 8 T hoist replaced with 15 T Identical hoist Provision for AO-2024 Works , Size press Works and Cutters Loading Purpose.

- **Turbine Cooling Tower**

Revamp of old pine wood Cooling tower into pultruded FRP type upgraded. Efficiency of cooling tower improved. Temperature difference ΔT improved from 4 -5 to 8-9 Deg C & with switch off one Cooling tower fans also during winter and Rainy season. Energy saving also observed. Operational improvement and equipment reliability. Structural Vibration reduced from 21 mm/s to 6 mm/s.

- **Modification of Boiler PA fans Ducting**

PA fan orientation changing, delivery ducting, Branch & distribution header ducting Rerouting done to avoid Frequent jamming of PA lines in a day 3-4 times. Operational improvement and equipment reliability improved.

- **Economizer Inlet Duct Modification**

Boiler outlet upstream bend duct modified, extended straight portion of duct to around 1.9 mtr. Along With baffle plate in upstream duct for guidance of flue gas provided to avoid Economiser coil erosion & frequent failures. Reduction in flue gas channelling and attainment of uniform flow.

BENEFITS DERIVED LIKE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT, COST REDUCTION, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT OR IMPORT SUBSTITUTION:

Unit: Rajahmundry:

Pulp Mill:

Technology	Benefits
Valmet-based G3 Cooking Technology:	Ensures uniform pulp quality. Reduces chemical and utility consumption, improving efficiency.
Twin Roll Press System (Unbleached Process):	Effectively removes impurities and residual chemicals. Results in cleaner, higher-quality pulp. Cost-effective and environmentally friendly.
Dhot Bleaching Technology:	Increases pulp yield, producing more finished product from the same raw material. Enhances pulp brightness and reduces environmental impact. Lowers AOX levels and chemical consumption.

Chemical Recovery Boiler:

Technology	Benefits
Ash Leaching System Installation:	Removes chloride and potassium from the recovery cycle. Reduces chemical consumption and operational costs. Improves recovery boiler reliability and performance of air pollution control equipment like ESPs.
Replacement with Spaced-Tube Superheater:	Enhances load flexibility and accommodates varying operating conditions. Provides uniform steam temperature, reducing thermal stress and improving efficiency.

Soda Recovery Process:

Technology	Benefits
GLC-G3 Technology for Green Liquor Clarification:	Enhances separation efficiency in green liquor clarification. Optimizes recovery of sodium compounds like sodium carbonate and sodium sulfide. Improves clarity and stability in the recovery cycle.
Flash Drying in New Lime Kiln:	Ensures efficient lime mud drying, improving final lime quality. Reduces clumping and operational issues. Lowers fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, boosting environmental performance.

Black Liquor Evaporation:

Technology	Benefits
Addition of Tube-Type Evaporator (7th Effect):	Increases black liquor processing capacity. Enhances evaporation efficiency by integrating with existing lamella bodies.

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- Improved Waste Paper Recycling fiber Pulps enhance the optical and aesthetic properties of the final product, boosting sales in Maplitho varieties.
- Improved Waste Paper Recycled Fiber Pulp helps avoid the need for imported coated book stock.
- Starch coating at size press helps to improve printability in final paper & sales to participate in maplitho grades.

- Quality (Bulk/opacity/smoothness/Ratlines) & WAXPICK Improvement in KA#3 all Products by using Starch at Size press.
- Gloss Improved in all MG Products at KA#2 after MG grinding.

New Product developments at Unit – Rajahmundry

I. In case of imported technology (imported during the last three years reckoned from the beginning of the financial year) –

The details of these imported technologies are as under.

01.	a)	Details of technology imported	Metering Size Press for RJ5/KA3 The sizer will produce premium-grade paper with enhanced surface properties, improving quality and printability.
	b)	Year of import	2024
	c)	Has the technology been fully absorbed?	Yes
	d)	If not fully absorbed, areas where absorption has not taken place, and the reasons thereof	Not Applicable
02.	a)	Details of technology imported	Failsafe system in Size Press for RJ5/KA3 Key aspect: Operator safety, Protection of equipment and Automation reliability, Regulatory compliance.
	b)	Year of import	2024
	c)	Has the technology been fully absorbed?	Yes
	d)	If not fully absorbed, areas where absorption has not taken place, and the reasons thereof	Not Applicable
03.	a)	Details of technology imported	Vacuum Tail Threading for RJ5/KA3 Enhance safety, Increase efficiency, and Consistent performance.
	b)	Year of import	2024
	c)	Has the technology been fully absorbed?	Yes
	d)	If not fully absorbed, areas where absorption has not taken place, and the reasons thereof	Not Applicable
04.	a)	Details of technology imported	New Radiometric Scale for Waste Paper Recycling Plant Non-contact, continuous, Accurate mass flow measurement, Improved process control.
	b)	Year of import	2024
	c)	Has the technology been fully absorbed?	Yes
	d)	If not fully absorbed, areas where absorption has not taken place, and the reasons thereof	Not Applicable
05.	a)	Details of technology imported	New Enzymatic continuous Starch cooking system for RJ3&5: State-of-the-art enzyme conversion with zero wastage/ uncooked or off-quality products coming into the system. New Eco-R Filter in Working station in RJ5/KA3: Compact design with large throughput, Auto Back flushing / rinsing the filter with a small amount of water for complete cleaning.
	b)	Year of import	2024
	c)	Has the technology been fully absorbed?	Yes
	d)	If not fully absorbed, areas where absorption has not taken place, and the reasons thereof	Not Applicable

New Product developments at Unit – Kadiyam

- i. Thermal Paper in KA#3 with Size Press
- ii. Natural Shade Product in 64 gsm in KA#3
- iii. Andhra Azure Laid 58 GSM
- iv. Andhra Pearl white & Andhra Splendor for four colour printing job with min. 14 Waxpick

Research and Development -**Unit: Rajahmundry**

1. Specific areas in which R&D Carried out by the company.	- Product Development • Size press products: Andhra Write Choice SS 54-120 GSM and Andhra Copier Wrapper SS 80 GSM made on RJ#5 machine • Andhra Plain Kraft Green (HI BF) 70 GSM made on RJ#1 Machine. • Andhra Natural Shade 54,57,60,68,70,78,80 GSM made on RJ#5 Machine
2. Specific areas in which R&D carried out by the company.	• New Product Development - Manufacture of Plain Kraft Green high burst factor – 70GSM on RJ#1 machine. • Product quality improvement - Introduction of Direct Cationic Starch in place of onsite Modified cationic starch improve the strength properties and fluff reduction and ash improvement. • Process optimization studies - Introduction of oxidizing biocide in place of non-oxidizing biocide to reduce the slime in RJ#6 machine. - All machines back water studies for optimization of sizing chemicals - Introduction/addition of antiscaling agent in D1 washer spray to reduce the scale deposits in washer - Ash leaching plant study in process improvement - Introduction of Preservative biocide to control the Bacterial growth in Starch and PCC - Aging study has done for all individual fibrous raw materials (Casuarina, Subabul, D.B Euca) for the process improvement • Identification of functional additives and plant trials for cost reduction / quality improvement. - Using Direct cationic starch in place of Onsite modified cationic starch to reduce fluff - Using Amphoteric DSR in place of cationic DSR at RJ#5 and RJ#2 for alternative vendor development • Evaluation of new fibrous raw materials - Evaluation of Imported Debark eucalyptus and Imported Acacia wood from Thailand and Vietnam for its suitability to our process.
3. Future plan of action	• New Product Development - Planning to manufacture the Orange shade paper as shade developed in the R&D Laboratory. • Evaluation of alternate fibrous raw materials. • Process optimization studies - Study on the reduction of fluff at RJ#6 - Study on the stiffness improvement in RJ#6 low GSM copier paper • Identification of functional additives/ chemicals for Product development, Process / quality improvement and Cost reduction. - Plant trial of Green liquor settling aid in green liquor clarifier at causticizing. - Plant trial of stiffness improvement chemical at RJ#6 - Plant trial of ASA sizing at RJ#5. - Planning to take sustainability trial of “Green O Mix” of M/S Green tech India to reduce the furnace oil consumption in RLK plant.

Unit: Kadiyam

1. Specific areas in which R&D carried out by the company	- New Product Development – • In KA#3 Andhra Pearlwhite, Andhra Splendor developed with Enhanced Paper brightness by 2 Units. With Better WAXPICK of Min 14A • In KA#3 All Products made with Size press • Trial Qty of Andhra Pharma & Andhra Thermal Base with size press and got good feedback. • In KA#3 Andhra Natural Shade K Product developed. • In KA#1 Developed & Product made Andhra Azure laid 58 gsm & got good feedback - Process optimisation Developed alternate supplier of dyes for KA#1, & KA#3. Products are sustained. In Reductive bleaching & in oxidative bleaching temperature & duration trials taken for better brightness - Identification of functional additives and plant trials for cost reduction /quality improvement Alternative chemicals, dyes, Sodium Silicate, SS Powder (Fillers), and GCC from Fimakem; alternate enzymes and polymers; alternate surfactants. Enzymes from S.G. Corporation (EuroCare-369, Eurostar-AP, EuroCare-369+, M/s Amazon Papyrus, Epygen, Akoskem, etc.) trial to be planned. Surfactant trials were conducted at the Waste Paper Recycling Plant for improved cleanliness. Evaluation of alternate vendors for SS Powder and Dyes (Sun pulp violet, Direct red, etc.) has been carried out and established at a lab scale.
2. Benefits derived as a result of the above R&D.	• Refining Enzyme taken in SP#3 for better refining. • Pergasol Red 2G-Z (Liquid) replaced in place of SP#3 - (DMLRS-52) Cartasol Red. • Lab scale trials taken for dye replacement in KA#3 Products. • Identified alternate fibrous raw materials like Softwood fibre Excellence & Saint Gaudens, M/s Cell Mark AB, M/s Kamloops Chinook, Hard wood from Different Vendors. • Identified Alternate vendors for Recovered Fibre.
3. Future plan of action	- Product Development KA#3 Size Press Products with OGR. Products with more Recovered Fibre in Furnish Composition Quality Improvement • Further improvement of Waste Paper Recycling fiber brightness. Reliability Improvement • New Compressors for reliability improvement. • KA#3 Machine, Stretchers & Guides replacement. • Air Receiver tank. • Tail Cutter for KA#3 after size press. • Size press Spare rolls • Wastepaper yard Platform Process optimisation • OBA optimization & cost reduction with Identified suppliers. • Reduction in Fibre loss. • PCC Filler Increase for fibre Optimisation • Dye Trials to be taken for Vipul Organics,

(C) Expenditure incurred on Research and Development: (₹ in lakhs)

a.	Capital	3.25
b.	Recurring	172.46
c.	Total	172.46
d.	Total R & D expenditure as percentage of total turnover (%)	0.11

(D) Foreign Exchange earnings and Outgo: (₹ In Lakhs)

Foreign Exchange earned in terms of actual inflows	2,949.55
Foreign Exchange outgo in terms of actual outflows	22,818.18

Annexure-4

The information required pursuant to Section 197 (12) read with Rule 5 (1) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014 for the financial year 2024-25

Sl. No	Name of Director/KMP and Designation	Remuneration of Director/KMP for the financial year 2024-2025 (₹ in Lakhs)	% increase / (decrease) in the remuneration	Ratio of remuneration of each director to median remuneration of employees
i.	Shree Kumar Bangur Chairman & Non-Executive Director	0.50 [@]	NA	NA
ii.	Virendraa Bangur Vice Chairman	2.50	0.00	0.45
iii.	Saurabh Bangur Managing Director	795.49 [!]	(10.14)	143.85
iv.	Sudarshan V. Somani Independent Director	3.75	(6)	0.68
v.	Arun Kumar Sureka Independent Director	3.50	0.00	0.63
vi.	Rajendra Jain Non-Executive Director	0.75 [#]	NA	NA
vii.	Virendra Sinha Independent Director	3.00	(14)	0.54
viii.	Sitaram Sharma Independent Director	2.00	14	0.36
ix.	Papia Sengupta Independent Director	2.25	13	0.41
x.	Mukesh Jain Executive Director	111.01 [*]	(6)	20.07
xi.	Rajesh Bothra Chief Financial Officer	-	N.A	NA
xii.	Bijay Kumar Sanku Company Secretary	30.16 [*]	(5)	5.45

@ Designation changed from Managing Director to Non-Executive Director w.e.f. November 4, 2024. Therefore, remuneration cannot be compared.

Ceased to be a director of the Company. Therefore, remuneration cannot be compared.

! includes commission of ₹614 Lakhs

*Includes perquisites value under Income Tax Act, 1961

The percentage increase in the median remuneration of employees in the financial year	The median remuneration of employees in the current financial year registered a decrease of (2.45) % over the previous financial year
The number of permanent employees on the rolls of the Company	There were 1969 employees as on March 31, 2025
Average percentile increase already made in the salaries of employees other than the managerial personnel in the last financial year and its comparison with the percentile increase in the managerial remuneration and justification need to be given for increase in the remuneration thereof and point out if there are any exceptional circumstances for increase in the managerial remuneration;	The average increase/decrease in salary/wages of the employees was (2.19)% (other than managerial personnel) whereas average percentile remuneration to managerial personnel decreased by (2.45)% during the year.

It is hereby affirmed that the remuneration paid is as per Remuneration Policy of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board

Place: Rajahmundry

Date: May 08, 2025

Shree Kumar Bangur
Chairman & Non-Executive Director

Annexure-5 (A)

Form No. MR-3

SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31.03.2025

[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 9 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014]

To

The Members,

ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED

Rajahmundry – 533 105,

East Godavari District,

Andhra Pradesh.

We have conducted the Secretarial Audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED** having **CIN: L21010AP1964PLC001008** and having registered office at Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh – 533 105 (hereinafter called the '**Company**'). Secretarial Audit was conducted in accordance with the guidance note issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the Company's books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Audit, we hereby report that in our opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2025, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

We have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended on March 31, 2025, according to the provisions of:

- (i) The Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and the rules made thereunder;
- (ii) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA') and the rules made thereunder;
- (iii) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed thereunder;
- (iv) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations made thereunder to the extent of Foreign Direct Investment, Overseas Direct Investment and External Commercial Borrowings;

- (v) The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act'):-

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 - **(Not applicable to the company during the period under review)**;
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021- **(Not applicable to the company during the period under review)**;
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021 - **(Not applicable to the company during the period under review)**;
- (h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 - **(Not applicable to the company during the period under review)**;
- (i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021- **(Not applicable to the company during the period under review)**; and
- (j) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018.

(vi) Other laws **specifically** applicable to the Company include:

- A. Factories Act, 1948 and the Rules made thereto;
- B. Labour Laws & other incidental and allied laws;
- C. Acts and Rules prescribed under prevention and control of pollution;
- D. Acts and Rules relating to Environment Protection, energy conservation and Hazardous Substances and Chemicals;
- E. Acts and Rules relating to boilers, electricity, explosives, fire etc.

We have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:

- (i) Secretarial Standards issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India and notified under Companies Act, 2013.
- (ii) The Listing Agreements entered into by the Company with BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited;

During the period under review, the Company has complied with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc. mentioned above.

We further report that

The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and requisite number of Independent Directors. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

Adequate notice is given to all directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and detailed notes on agenda were sent in advance, and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting.

Majority decisions are carried through while the dissenting Board members' views, if any, are captured and recorded as part of the minutes.

We further report that there are adequate systems and processes in the Company commensurate with the size and operations of the Company to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines.

We further report that company has subscribed to an Online Compliance Management System whereby system

generated reports are submitted quarterly to the members of the Board about non-compliance and delayed compliance, if any, with respect to all laws and rules that are applicable to the Company. The Board in their meetings takes note of this report and suggests corrective action if deemed necessary.

We further report that during the period under review

- the equity shares of the Company has been sub-divided from one equity share having face value of ₹10/- each into five equity shares of ₹2/- each and the relevant ISIN had also been changed and updated with NSDL and CDSL and relevant confirmations were also received from BSE and NSE. The number of issued equity shares has accordingly been increased from 3,97,70,039 to 19,88,50,195 effective September 11, 2024 (Record Date).
- In respect of Andhra Paper Foundation, a subsidiary company, which was originally incorporated under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 was pursuant to the order of the Regional Director dated 19.09.2024, converted into a Private Limited Company and a fresh Certificate of Incorporation was issued on 11.11.2024, by Registrar of Companies, Vijayawada, reflecting the company's new name Andhra Paper Private Limited (APPL).

Subsequently, APPL has made an application to the Registrar of Companies, Vijayawada, for striking off its name from the Register of Companies under Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013.

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited and BSE Limited have individually imposed on the Company a fine of ₹1,08,560 /- including GST for delayed compliance with Regulation 17(1A) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As informed to us, the Company has made the waiver application to the Stock Exchanges for the fines imposed and are waiting for further communication from stock exchanges.

For D.HANUMANTA RAJU & CO
COMPANY SECRETARIES

CS MOHIT KUMAR GOYAL
PARTNER

FCS: 9967, CP NO: 12751

UDIN: F009967G000300884

PR NO: 6326/2024

Place: Hyderabad

Date: May 08, 2025

*This report is to be read with our letter of even date which is annexed as **Annexure A** and forms an integral part of this report*

‘Annexure A’

To
The Members,
ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED,
Rajahmundry – 533 105,
East Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh.

Our report of even Date is to be read along with this letter:

1. Maintenance of Secretarial Records is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Secretarial Records based on our Audit.
2. We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the Secretarial Records. The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in Secretarial Records. We believe that the processes and practices we followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and Books of Accounts of the Company.
4. Where ever required, we have obtained the Management Representation about the compliance of laws, rules and regulations and happening of events, etc.
5. The compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards is the responsibility of management. Our examination was limited to the verification of procedures on test basis.
6. The Secretarial Audit Report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the company nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For D.HANUMANTA RAJU & CO
COMPANY SECRETARIES

CS MOHIT KUMAR GOYAL
PARTNER

FCS: 9967, CP NO: 12751
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Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

Annexure-5 (B)

ANNUAL SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2025

We, D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Company Secretaries, having our office at B-13, F-1, P.S.Nagar, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad – 500 057 have examined:

- a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by **ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED**, (“the Listed Entity”),
- b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the Stock Exchanges,
- c) website of the Listed Entity,
- d) any other documents/filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this Report, for the financial year ended 31st March, 2025 (“Review Period”) in respect of compliance with the provisions of:
 1. the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (“SEBI Act”) and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
 2. the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (“SCRA”), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”);

The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:-

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 **(Not applicable to the Listed Entity during the review period);**

- c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 **(Not applicable to the Listed Entity during the review period);**
- e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; **(Not applicable to the Listed Entity during the review period);**
- f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
- h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021- **(Not applicable to the Listed Entity during the review period);** and
- i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018 and circulars / guidelines issued thereunder; and based on the above examination, We hereby report that, during the Review Period:

- a) The Listed Entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder.
- b) The Listed Entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports: Not applicable for the period under review.

- I) We hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance status of the listed entity with the following requirements:

Sr. No	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations / Remarks by PCS
1.	Secretarial Standard: The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI).	Yes	NIL
2.	Adoption and timely updation of the Policies: - All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entities. - All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated on time as per the regulations/ circulars/ guidelines issued by SEBI.	Yes	NIL
3.	Maintenance and disclosures on Website: - The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website. - Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website. - Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which redirects to the relevant document(s)/section of the website.	Yes	NIL
4.	Disqualification of Director: None of the Director(s) of the Company is/are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.	Yes	NIL
5.	Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.: (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies. (b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries.	Not Applicable Yes	Provisions with regard to material subsidiaries are not applicable to the company.
6.	Preservation of Documents: The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per policy of preservation of documents and archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.	Yes	NIL
7.	Performance Evaluation: The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees during the financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.	Yes	NIL
8.	Related Party Transactions: (a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of audit committee for all related party transactions. (b) In case no prior approval obtained, the listed entity shall provide detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ratified/ rejected by the audit committee.	Yes Not Applicable	NIL There are no such transactions.
9.	Disclosure of events or information: The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder.	Yes	NIL
10.	Prohibition of Insider Trading: The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	Yes	NIL

Sr. No	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations / Remarks by PCS
11.	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any: The actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges are specified in the last column.	-	The listed entity is in receipt of notice under Standard Operating Procedure mechanism of SEBI/ Stock Exchanges levying fine of ₹1,08,560 each including GST from BSE and NSE in connection to delay in compliance of Regulation 17(1A) under SEBI (LODR). The listed entity has made the waiver application to the Stock Exchanges for the fines imposed and are waiting for further communication from stock exchanges.
12.	Resignation of statutory auditors from the listed entity or its material subsidiaries: In case of resignation of statutory auditor from the listed entity or any of its material subsidiaries during the financial year, the listed entity and / or its material subsidiary(ies) has / have complied with paragraph 6.1 and 6.2 of section V-D of chapter V of the Master Circular on compliance with the provisions of the LODR Regulations by listed entities.	Not Applicable	NIL
13.	Additional Non-Compliances, if any: No additional non-compliances observed for any SEBI regulation/ circular/guidance note etc.	Yes	NIL

Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
2. Our responsibility is to report based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and books of accounts of the listed entity.
4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

For D.HANUMANTA RAJU & CO
COMPANY SECRETARIES

CS MOHIT KUMAR GOYAL
PARTNER

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Annexure – 6

Form AOC- I

[Pursuant to first proviso to sub-section (3) of Section 129 read with Rule 5 of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014]

Statement containing salient features of the financial statement of Subsidiaries or associate companies or joint ventures

Part “A”: Subsidiaries

Name of the subsidiary	Andhra Paper Private Limited
The date since when subsidiary was acquired	11-11-2024 (Initially it was incorporated as Section 8 company and then converted to private limited. Thereafter, also filed STK-2 for striking off of the Company. The same has been considered by ROC. The status of the Company is under process of Striking off).
Reporting period for the subsidiary concerned, if different from the holding company's reporting period	Not Applicable
Reporting currency and Exchange rate as on the last date of the relevant financial year in the case of foreign subsidiaries.	Not Applicable
Share capital	₹5,00,000
Reserves & surplus	₹(5,00,000)
Total assets	0
Total Liabilities	0
Investments	0
Turnover/ Income	₹3,261
Excess of Expenditure over Income, before taxation	(2,48,227)
Provision for taxation	0
Excess of Expenditure over Income, after taxation	(2,48,227)
Proposed Dividend	NA
Extent of shareholding (in percentage)	100 %

- Names of subsidiaries which are yet to commence operations - Nil
- Names of subsidiaries which have been liquidated or sold during the year – Nil

Part B: Associates and Joint Ventures

Statement pursuant to Section 129 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013 related to Associate companies and Joint Ventures.

For and on behalf of the Board

Place: Rajahmundry

Date: May 08, 2025

Shree Kumar Bangur

Chairman & Non-Executive Director

REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. Company's philosophy on Code of Governance

The Company's philosophy on Corporate Governance is aimed at assisting the management of the Company in the efficient conduct of the business and to meet its obligations to the stakeholders. The Company firmly believes that practice of Corporate Governance, inter alia, should aim at meeting the aspirations of the stakeholders and the expectations of the society at large. Accordingly, the Company believes in and has consistently practiced good Corporate Governance. In pursuance of this philosophy, the management adheres to transparency, professionalism and accountability in performance of its role.

2. Board of Directors

a. Composition of Board

Our Board of Directors needs to have an appropriate composition of Executives, Non-Executives and Independent Directors to maintain its independence, and separate its functions of governance and management.

The Listing Regulations mandate that every listed company shall have an optimum combination of Executive and Non-Executive Directors with at least one-woman director and not less than fifty percent of the Board of Directors shall comprise of Non-Executive Directors.

As on March 31, 2025, the Board comprised nine members, consisting of one Chairman & Non-Executive Director, one Managing Director, one Executive Director (whole-time), one Non-Executive Non-Independent Director, five Non-Executive Independent Directors including one Independent Woman Director. Independent Directors constitute 50% of the Board's strength complying with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 and Listing Regulations.

As on March 31, 2025, Independent Directors occupied the position of chairmanship for each of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee.

- a) Composition and category of Directors, number of other Board of Directors or Committees in which the Director is a member or chairman as on March 31, 2025 are as follows:

Name of the Director	Indian-listed companies	Category of Directorship	All companies around India(1)(3)	Committee membership (2)(3)	Committee Chairmanship (2)(3)
Executive Directors:					
Mr. Saurabh Bangur!	Andhra Paper Limited	Executive, Managing Director	7	2	-
	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	Non-Executive, Promoter Non-Independent Director			
Mr. Mukesh Jain	Andhra Paper Limited	Executive, Whole-time Director	2	-	-
Non-Executive Non-Independent Directors:					
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur*	Andhra Paper Limited	Related to Promoter Group, Chairman & Non-Executive Director	8	1	-

Name of the Director	Indian-listed companies	Category of Directorship	All companies around India(1)(3)	Committee membership (2)(3)	Committee Chairmanship (2)(3)
	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	Executive, Promoter, Chairman & Managing Director			
Mr. Virendraa Bangur	Andhra Paper Limited	Non Executive, Non-Independent Director	11	7	3
	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	Executive, Promoter Joint Managing Director			
	Jayshree Chemicals Limited	Non-Executive, Promoter Non-Independent Director			
	Taparia Tools Limited	Non-Executive, Non-Independent Director			

Non-Executive Independent Directors:

Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Andhra Paper Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director	4	2	2
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	Andhra Paper Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director	10	1	-
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Andhra Paper Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director	7	4	2
	Electrosteel Castings Ltd	Non-Executive, Independent Director			
	Texmaco Rail & Engineering Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director			
Mr. Sitaram Sharma@	Andhra Paper Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director	4	-	-
Mrs. Papia Sengupta	Andhra Paper Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director	6	6	1
	The Investment Trust of India Limited	Non-Executive, Independent Director – Shareholders Director			

1. Directorship in companies around India (Listed Public, Unlisted Public, No Profit & Loss and Private Limited companies)
2. Disclosure includes membership / chairmanship of the audit committee and stakeholders' relationship committee in Indian public companies (listed and unlisted)
3. Including Andhra Paper Limited

4. @Mr. Sitaram Sharma was ceased as an Independent Director after closure of Business hours effective 31.03.2025
5. *Designation of Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur was changed from Executive Director to Non-Executive Director after the closure of Business hours effective 04.11.2024
6. !Designation of Mr. Saurabh Bangur was changed from Joint Managing Director to Managing Director after the closure of Business Hours effective 04.11.2024

b. Attendance of each director at the Meeting of the board of directors and the last Annual General Meeting:

Name of the Director	Last AGM dated August 12, 2024	Board Meetings		
		Held during the tenure	Attended	% of attendance
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur (Chairman & Non-Executive Director)	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Saurabh Bangur (Managing Director)	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Rajendra Jain*	No	4	1	100.00*
Mr. Virendraa Bangur (Vice Chairman)	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Mukesh Jain	Yes	4	4	100.00
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Yes	4	3	75.00
Mr. Sitaram Sharma	Yes	4	3	75.00
Mrs. Papia Sengupta	Yes	4	4	100.00

*Mr. Rajendra Jain was resigned on 14.05.2024 and he was entitled to attend one Board Meeting in his tenure.

- c. No. of meetings of the Board of Directors held and dates on which held:
During the financial year, four board meetings were held on May 14, 2024; August 05, 2024; November 04, 2024 and February 6, 2025.
- d. Mr. Virendraa Bangur and Mr. Saurabh Bangur (sons) are related to Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur (father) and other Directors are unrelated to each other.
- e. During the year, Mr. Sudarshan V Somani acquired 3,000 equity shares of ₹10 each during the financial year. (Due to Stock split such shares increased 15000 equity shares of ₹2 each).
- f. A meeting of the Independent Directors was held on 18-03-2025 and inter-alia, discussed on matters pertaining to review the performance of Non-Independent Directors, Board as a whole and performance of Chairman and also assess the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the management of the company and the Board.
- g. The details of Familiarization Programme imparted to Independent Directors are placed on the Company's website viz., <https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Familiarization-Programme-during-the-year-2024-25-1.pdf>
- h. A chart or a Matrix for skills/attributes identified by the Board of Directors as required in the context of business and sectors to function effectively & those actually available with the Board is given in Appendix – 1.
- i. In the opinion of the Board, the Independent Directors fulfill the conditions specified in SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and are independent of the management.
- j. None of the Independent Directors has resigned before expiry of his/her tenure.

3. Audit Committee

a. **Brief description of terms of reference of Audit Committee as per the Charter approved by the Board are:**

- i. Oversight of the Company's financial reporting process and disclosure of its financial information to ensure accuracy and correctness;
- ii. Recommendation for appointment, remuneration and terms of appointment of auditors of the Company;

- iii. Approval of payment to statutory auditors for any other services rendered by the statutory auditors;
- iv. Reviewing with the management of the annual financial statements before submission to the Board, with particular reference to the following:

- Matters required to be included in the Directors' Responsibility Statement to be included in the Board's report in terms of clause (c) of sub-section 3 of section 134 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- Changes, if any, in accounting policies and practices and reasons for the same;
- Major accounting entries involving estimates based on the exercise of judgment by management;
- Significant adjustments made in the financial statements arising out of audit findings;
- Compliance with listing and other legal requirements relating to financial statements;
- Disclosure of any related party transactions;
- Modified opinion(s) in the draft audit report;

- v. Reviewing with the management quarterly financial statements before submission to the Board for approval;
- vi. Reviewing the functioning of the whistle blower mechanism;
- vii. Evaluation of internal financial controls and risk management systems.

b. Composition of Audit Committee

The composition of Audit Committee as on March 31, 2025 is as follows:

Name	Category	Designation
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Chairman
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Saurabh Bangur	Executive Director	Member

All Members of Audit Committee are financially literate and Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani have accounting and related financial management expertise.

There is no change in the composition of the Committee during the year.

c. Meetings and attendance during the year

During the financial year, four meetings of Audit Committee were held on May 13, 2024; August 05, 2024; November 04, 2024 and February 06, 2025.

All the 4 Committee Members have attended all the 4 meetings held during the financial year.

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to the Committee.

4. Nomination and Remuneration Committee

Brief description of terms of reference of Nomination and Remuneration Committee as per the Charter approved by the Board are:

a. Terms of reference

- Formulating criteria for determining the qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director;
- Evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board and based on such evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities required of an Independent Director, recommend to the Board for appointment as an Independent Director who have the capabilities identified in such description;
- Identifying the persons who are qualified to become Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors and to recommend to the Board their appointment and removal;
- To extend or continue the term of appointment of Independent Directors;
- Identifying persons who may be appointed in Senior Management and to recommend to the Board their appointment and removal;
- Devising a policy on Board diversity;
- Succession Planning;
- Recommend to the Board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

b. Composition of Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The composition of Nomination and Remuneration Committee as on March 31, 2025 is as follows:

Name	Category	Designation
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Chairman
Mr. Sitaram Sharma*	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur	Non-Executive Director	Member

*Mr. Sitaram Sharma ceased from Directorship of the Company w.e.f. closing hours of 31.03.2025 except this there was no change in the Composition.

c. Meetings and attendance during the year

During the financial year, three Meetings of Nomination and Remuneration Committee were held on May 13, 2024, November 04, 2024 and February 05, 2025 and the details of Meetings attended by the Members are given below:

Name	Number of Meetings held during the tenure	Number of Meetings attended
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	3	3
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	3	3
Mr. Sitaram Sharma*	3	2
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur	3	2

*Mr. Sitaram Sharma ceased from Directorship of the Company w.e.f. closing hours of 31.03.2025

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to the Committee.

d. Performance evaluation criteria for independent directors

The Board of Directors evaluates the performance of Independent Directors on yearly basis as per the applicable statutory provisions.

5. Stakeholders' Relationship Committee

The Composition of Stakeholders' Relationship Committee as on March 31, 2025 is as follows:

Name	Category	Designation
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Chairman
Mr. Virendraa Bangur	Non-Executive, Non-independent Director	Member

Name	Category	Designation
Ms. Papia Sengupta@	Non – Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Rajendra Jain*	Non-Executive, Non-independent Director	Member

*Mr. Rajendra Jain resigned on 14.05.2024

@Ms. Papia Sengupta appointed as a member effective from 14.05.2024.

During the financial year, the Stakeholders Relationship Committee met on February 6, 2025.

All the three Members attended the meeting held on February 6, 2025.

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to the Committee.

Name and Designation of the Compliance Officer: Mr. Bijay Kumar Sanku, Company Secretary

The details of the status of complaints received from the security holders during the financial year ended March 31, 2025 are furnished below:

No. of shareholders' complaints received during the financial year	0
No. of complaints solved to the satisfaction of shareholders	0
No. of complaints not solved to the satisfaction of shareholders	0
No. of pending complaints as on March 31, 2025	0

6. Risk Management Committee

a. Brief description of terms of reference:

- (1) Formulate a detailed risk management policy which shall include:
 - I. A framework for identification of internal and external risks specifically faced by the Company, in particular, financial, operational, sectoral, sustainability (particularly, ESG related risks), information, cyber security risks or any other risk as may be determined by the Committee
 - II. Measures for risk mitigation including systems and processes for internal control of identified risks
 - III. Business continuity plan
- (2) Ensure that appropriate methodology, processes and systems are in place to monitor and evaluate risks associated with the business of the Company;

- (3) Monitor and oversee implementation of the Risk Management Policy, including evaluating the adequacy of risk management systems;
- (4) Periodically review the Risk Management Policy, at least once in two years, including by considering the changing industry dynamics and evolving complexity;
- (5) Keep the Board of Directors informed about the nature and content of its discussions, recommendations and actions to be taken;
- (6) Review appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief Risk Officer (if any).

b. Composition, Name of Members and Chairperson

The Composition of Risk Management Committee as on March 31, 2025 is as follows:

Name	Category	Designation
Mr. Saurabh Bangur	Executive Director	Chairman
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Non-Executive, Independent Director	Member
Mr. Mukesh Jain	Executive Director	Member

c. Meetings and Attendance during the year

During the financial year, two Meetings of Risk Management Committee were held on September 09, 2024 and March 27, 2025 and details of attendance of members are as follows:

Name	Number of Meetings held during the year	Number of Meetings attended
Mr. Saurabh Bangur	2	2
Mr. Mukesh Jain	2	2
Mr. Virendra Sinha	2	2

7. Senior Management:

Mr. Rajesh Bothra, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Sura Reddy Mallidi, Sr. Vice President (Mill Operations), Mr. Sandeep Rao Thallapalli, Vice President (Sales & Marketing) and Mr. Bijay Kumar Sanku, Company

Secretary are the senior management of the Company as on March 31, 2025.

During the year, Mr. Shyam Srivastava, Vice President (Purchase & Forestry), a senior management personnel of the Company resigned effective from the close of business hours on December 28, 2024.

8. Remuneration of Directors:

a. All pecuniary relationship or transactions of the Non-Executive Directors

The details of sitting fees paid to the Non-Executive Directors during the financial year ended March 31, 2025 were as follows:

(In ₹ Lakhs)

Name	Sitting Fees
Mr. Virendraa Bangur	2.50
Mr. Rajendra Jain*	0.75
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	4.25
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	3.75
Mr. Virendra Sinha	3.00
Mr. Sitaram Sharma	2.00
Mrs. Papia Sengupta	2.25
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur#	0.50
Total	19.00

*Mr. Rajendra Jain resigned on 14.05.2024

#Change in designation of Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur from Executive Director to Non-Executive Director effective from 04.11.2024

Apart from the above, there were no other pecuniary relationships or transactions between the Company and any of its Non-Executive and/or Independent Directors, during the year.

b. Criteria of making payments to Non-Executive Directors

The Board of Directors at its meeting held on May 05, 2022 approved to pay all Non-Executive Directors a sitting fees of ₹50,000 per meeting for attending the Board Meeting and ₹25,000 per meeting for attending the Committee Meetings.

c. Disclosure with respect to remuneration

Sitting fees was paid to all Non-Executive Directors for attending the Board/Committee Meetings held during the financial year 2024-25.

The details of remuneration paid to Executive Directors for the financial year 2024-25:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars of Remuneration	Name of Executive Director		
	Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur, Chairman & Non-Executive Director*	Mr. Saurabh Bangur, Managing Director*	Mr. Mukesh Jain, Executive Director
Gross salary			
Salary as per provisions contained in section 17(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.	0	795#	105
Value of perquisites under Section 17(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.	0	0	5
Total	0	795#	111

*During the year, change in designation of Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur changed from Managing Director to Non-Executive Director.

includes commission of ₹614 Lakhs

All the Executive Directors were appointed for a period of three years except Mr. Saurabh Bangur who was appointed for a period of three years and four months and the service is terminable by giving three month's notice on either side. No severance fees is payable to Directors.

The Company did not issue any stock options during the year.

9. General Body Meetings

a. The location and time of the last three Annual General Meetings held

Year ended	Date and time	Venue
March, 2022	August 12, 2022 at 12.00 Noon	Through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") –
March, 2023	August 11, 2023 at 11.30 A.M.	Through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")
March, 2024	August 12, 2024 at 11.30 A.M.	Through Video Conferencing ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")

b. Special Resolutions passed in the previous three Annual General Meetings

Date	Description of Special Resolutions passed
August 12, 2022	NIL
August 11, 2023	Re-appointment of Mr. Saurabh Bangur as Joint Managing Director for a period from June 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026
August 12, 2024	1. Alternation of Memorandum of Association 2. Re-appointment of Mr. Mukesh Jain as an Executive Director

c. Two Special Resolutions were passed through postal ballot during the financial year ended March 31, 2025.

Particulars	Change in designation and continuation of Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur (DIN: 00053237) as Chairman & Non-Executive Director	Change in designation of Mr. Saurabh Bangur (DIN: 00236894) from Joint Managing Director to Managing Director	Re-appointment of Mr. Virendra Sinha (DIN: 03113274), as an Independent Director of the Company
Date of Postal Ballot Notice	04 th November, 2024		06 th November, 2025

Particulars	Change in designation and continuation of Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur (DIN: 00053237) as Chairman & Non-Executive Director	Change in designation of Mr. Saurabh Bangur (DIN: 00236894) from Joint Managing Director to Managing Director	Re-appointment of Mr. Virendra Sinha (DIN: 03113274), as an Independent Director of the Company
Voting Period	04 th December, 2024 to 02 nd January, 2025		13 th February 2025 to 14 th March, 2025
Date of Approval	02 nd January, 2025		14 th March, 2025
Date of Declaration of Results	04 th January, 2025		15 th March, 2025
Type of Resolution	Special		Special
No. of Votes polled	154444632	154444637	154261815
Votes cast in favour –			
- No. of Votes	154437410	154437337	154740982
- % of votes	100%	100%	99.99%
Votes cast against –			
- No. of Votes	7222	7300	17871
- % of votes	0	0	0.01%

- d. M/s. D Hanumanta Raju & Co., Company Secretaries, B-13, F-1 & F-2, P.S. Nagar, Vijaynagar Colony, Hyderabad – 500 057, was appointed as the Scrutinizer for carrying out the above postal ballots in a fair and transparent manner.
- e. At present no special resolution is proposed to be conducted through postal ballot. The procedure laid down in Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 would be followed as and when necessary.

10. Means of Communications

Quarterly, half-yearly and annual financial results are usually published in Business Standard (English Version) and vernacular regional newspaper viz. Andhra Prabha. The results are placed on the Company's website: <https://andhrapaper.com/investors-financial-results/>

Official news releases and interactions or presentations made to media, analysts, institutional investors etc., are being displayed on the website of the Company.

11. General Shareholder Information

a. Date, Time and Venue of Annual General Meeting

61 st Annual General Meeting	Date & time	Venue
	August 07, 2025 at 02.30 PM	Through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual Means (VC/OAVM)

b. Financial calendar – (Tentative and subject to change).

Financial Year: April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

Particulars	Period ended	On or before
Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ending	June 30, 2025	August 14, 2025
Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ending	September 30, 2025	November 14, 2025
Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ending	December 31, 2025	February 14, 2026
Audited Financial Results for the quarter ending	March 31, 2026	May 30, 2026
Annual General Meeting for the year ending	March 31, 2026	September 30, 2026
Details of Record Date	Friday, August 01, 2025	
Details of Payment of Dividend on equity shares	Within 30 days from the date of declaration	

c. Listing on stock exchanges

BSE Limited (BSE) Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001	National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) “Exchange Plaza” Bandra-Kurla Complex Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400 051
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The Company paid the Annual Listing fees for the financial year 2025-26 to BSE and NSE.

d. The securities of the Company have not been suspended from trading during the financial year ended March 31, 2025.**e. Registrar and Share Transfer Agent**

KFin Technologies Limited
Corporate Registry
Selenium, Tower-B, Plot No 31 & 32, Gachibowli,
Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Mandal
Hyderabad – 500 032
Toll Free No. (India) 1-800-309-4001
Email : einward.ris@kfintech.com

Contact Person: Mr. Praveen Chaturvedi – Vice President – Corporate Registry

f. Share Transfer System

All activities in relation to share transfer facility as per Regulation 7(2) of Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, are being maintained by Registrar and share transfer agent: KFin Technologies Limited.

As per proviso to Regulation 40(1) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, securities cannot be transferred unless they are held in dematerialized form with a depository, except in case of transmission or transposition of securities. Further SEBI vide its Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated January 25, 2022 mandated that transmission, transposition, duplicates, renewal, exchange, subdivision, splitting, consolidation shall be effected only in dematerialize form.

The above service requests for the shares held in physical mode are being approved by the authorized person as per the delegation of powers by the Board. The average time taken for processing the service request is approximately 10 days from the date of receipt of a valid request.

g. Distribution of Equity Shareholding as on March 31, 2025:

Nominal Value of Equity shares ₹	Shareholders		Value	
	Number	%	₹	%
1 - 5000	45,563	96.00	2,46,52,728	6.20
5001 - 10000	1,041	2.19	78,84,814	1.98
10001 - 20000	470	0.99	68,97,924	1.73
20001 - 30000	135	0.28	33,94,174	0.85
30001 - 40000	69	0.15	24,51,818	0.62
40001 - 50000	40	0.08	18,32,712	0.46
50001 - 100000	66	0.15	47,94,762	1.21
100001 and above	76	0.16	34,57,91,458	86.95
TOTAL	47,460	100.00	39,77,00,390	100.00

Category of equity shareholders as on March 31, 2025:

S. No.	Category	Shares	%
(A)	Promoters		
	Bodies Corporate	14,40,63,000	72.45
	PROMOTER HOLDING (A)	14,40,63,000	72.45
(B)	Public		
1	Mutual Funds	85,50,054	4.30
2	Alternate Investment Funds	6547	0.00
3	Banks	2,150	0.00
4	Insurance Companies	7,38,005	0.37
5	Foreign Portfolio – Corp	19,09,400	0.96
6	Foreign Bank	750	0.00
7	Director Relatives (excluding Ind. Directors & Nominee Directors)	20,000	0.01
8	Investor Education & Protection Fund	5,18,905	0.27
9	Resident Individuals	2,78,46,312	14.00
10	Non-Resident Indians	11,91,000	0.60
11	Bodies Corporate	1,26,87,934	6.38
12	Clearing Members	787	0.00
13	Directors or Director's Relatives	15,000	0.01
14	Hindu Undivided Family	12,31,971	0.62
15	Trusts	68,000	0.03
16	Unclaimed or Suspense or Escrow Account	380	0.00
	PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS (B)	5,47,87,195	27.55
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B)	19,88,50,195	100.00

h. Dematerialization of shares as on March 31, 2025:

Depository Name	No. of shares dematerialized	Percentage on equity share capital
National Securities Depository Limited	18,09,27,296	90.99
Central Depository Services (India) Limited	1,71,31,159	8.61
Total dematerialized shares	19,80,58,455	99.60

i. No GDRs, ADRs/warrants/convertible instruments have been issued by the Company during the year.

j. **Commodity price risk or foreign exchange risk and hedging activities:** Furnished under the head 'Risks and Concerns' in Management Discussion & Analysis.

k. Plant Locations

Unit: Rajahmundry	Unit: Kadiyam
Rajahmundry - 533 105 East Godavari District Andhra Pradesh, India	Industrial Area, Near Kadiyam Railway Station, M.R.Palem - 533 126, Kadiyam Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India

l. Address for Correspondence from shareholders

KFin Technologies Limited Selenium, Tower - B, Plot No 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally District, Hyderabad – 500 032, Telangana, India	Secretarial Department Andhra Paper Limited Rajahmundry – 533 105 East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India
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- m. **As there are no debt instruments and no fixed deposits are invited involving mobilization of funds, the Company has not obtained any rating during the year.**

CARE Ratings Limited, during the year, affirmed the credit ratings for term facilities availed by the Company from Banks as follows:

- i) CARE AA; Stable {Double A; Outlook: Stable} in respect of long term bank facilities; and
- ii) CARE AA; Stable / CARE AI+ (Double A; Outlook: Stable/ A One Plus) in respect of long term/short term bank facilities.

12. Other Disclosures

- a. **Disclosure on materially significant related party transactions**

During the financial year, there were no materially significant related party transactions that have potential conflict with the interests of the Company at large.

- b. **Details of penalties imposed on the Company**

During the year, BSE Limited (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) imposed a fine in connection to non-compliance with SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 regarding non-compliance(s) / delayed compliance(s) with respect to Regulation 17(1A) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

Company has filed waiver application on 01.04.2025 with NSE stating the facts of the case and waiting for the reply from the NSE and the same is deemed the application for BSE.

- c. **Whistle Blower Policy**

The Company has formulated Whistle Blower Policy and established a mechanism for directors and employees to report to the management concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy. This mechanism provides for adequate safeguards against victimization of director(s)/ employee(s) who avail of the mechanism and also provide for direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases. The Whistle Blower Policy is posted on the Company's website viz., https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1658382966Whistle%20Blower%20Policy%20modified%20on%2021.07.2022.

- d. **Details of compliance with mandatory requirements and adoption of non-mandatory requirements**

The Company has complied with all mandatory requirements specified in SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Non-Mandatory/Discretionary requirements

1. **Shareholders Right:** this will be considered for adoption in the future
2. **Audit Qualifications:** The Company is already in the regime of financial statements with unmodified opinion. Auditor has given audit report with unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the current financial year.
3. **Separate posts of Chairperson and Managing Director or the Chief Executive Officer:**
This will be considered for adoption in the future, if mandated.
4. **Reporting of Internal Auditor:** External consultancy firm was appointed as Internal Auditor of the Company which reports directly to the Audit Committee.
- e. **There were no material subsidiaries during the year.** The Policy on material Subsidiaries is placed on the Company's website at https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517984Policy%20on%20Material%20Subsidiaries.pdf
- f. The Policy on Related Party Transactions is placed on the Company's website at <https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Policy-on-related-party-transactions-1.pdf>
- g. Disclosure of commodity price risks or Foreign exchange risk and commodity hedging activities- Refer note no. 44 E for hedging of Foreign Exchange Risk. The Company has not entered any activities relating to Commodity hedging.
- h. No funds were raised through preferential allotment or qualified institutions placements during the year.
- i. A Certificate dated May 8, 2025, from M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co., Company Secretaries, a company secretary in practice confirming that none of the Directors of the Company has been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Director of the Company by the Securities and Exchange Board of India/Ministry of Corporate Affairs or any such Statutory Authority has been received.
- j. None of recommendations of any Committee of the Board, which are mandatorily required to make recommendation on subjects, was rejected by the Board during the year.
- k. Total fees for all services paid by the Company to the statutory auditors and all entities in the network firm/

network entity of which the statutory auditors is a part is ₹36.50 Lakhs.

- l. During the year, no complaint was filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and no complaint was pending as on March 31, 2025.
- m. During the year, neither the Company nor the subsidiary has granted any loan(s) and advances in the nature of loans to firms/ companies in which directors are interested.
- n. The Company has complied with corporate governance requirements as specified in Regulation 17 to 27 and clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 46. A certificate from Practicing Company Secretary on compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance is annexed.

13. Code of Conduct for Directors and members of senior management

The Company adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for its Directors and members of senior management. The Code has also been posted on the Company's website: https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1599824151Code%20of%20Business%20Conduct%20and%20Ethics.pdf.

The Chairman & Non-Executive Director has given a declaration that all the Directors and members of senior management have affirmed compliance with the Code of Conduct. The declaration is annexed.

14. CEO and CFO Certification

A certificate duly signed by Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer relating to financial statements and internal controls and internal control systems for financial reporting as per the format provided in Regulation 17(8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 was placed before the Board and the same was taken on record.

15. Equity shares in the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account/unclaimed suspense account

In terms of Regulation 39 (4) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company opened a demat account and dematerialized the unclaimed shares. The Company is maintaining the details of shareholding of each individual allottee whose shares are credited to the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account.

The particulars of shares in "Andhra Paper Limited – Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account" as on March 31, 2025 were as follows:

Particulars	Number of shareholders	No. of equity shares
Aggregate number of shareholders and the outstanding shares lying in the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account at the beginning of the year.	2	130
Number of shareholders who approached the issuer for transfer of shares from the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account during the year	0	0
Number of shareholders to whom shares were transferred from the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account during the year	0	0
Aggregate number of shareholders and the outstanding shares lying in the Unclaimed Shares Demat Suspense Account as on March 31, 2025	2	130

The voting rights on the shares outstanding in the suspense account shall remain frozen till the rightful owners of such shares claim the shares.

16. Suspense Escrow Demat Account

Zero (0) equity shares related to a shareholder have been transferred to Suspense Escrow demat account due to non-submission of letter of confirmation within 120 days of its issue for dematerialization of shares.

17. Disclosure of agreements

The Company, during the year, entered into transactions with promoter and promoter group entities in the normal course of business which do not impact the management or control which have been disclosed to the Stock Exchanges on half yearly basis. The said transactions have been included in the Notes to Accounts No. 35.

Appendix - 1

Skills and attributes identified by Board of Directors

Sl. No.	Skills	Experience	Attributes	Whether actually available with the Board: Yes/ No
1	Practical wisdom and good judgment	Specialized knowledge in specific area	Highest personal and professional ethical standards and honesty.	Yes
2	Financial literacy – ability to read and understand a financial statement	Detailed knowledge of the industry or relevant industrial experience	Integrity, independence and free from conflict of interest.	Yes
3	Specialized professional skills viz. operations, finance, human resources, marketing, legal, corporate governance etc.	Expertise on global issues	An enquiring and independent mind.	Yes
4	Director Education - a clear understanding of the role and duties of a director and knowledge of code of conduct and business ethics.	High visibility in the field	Commitment to improve business, its continued well-being and making a difference.	Yes
5	Good interpersonal skills and ability to communicate clearly.	Leadership and Management experience	Willingness to represent the best interests of all stakeholders and objectively appraise the Board and Management performance.	Yes
6	Decision Maker- explore options and choosing those that have the significant benefit to the organization and its performance.	International Experience	Critical analysis and Judgment.	Yes
7	Risk Management	Personal networks and external contacts	Vision, imagination and foresight.	Yes
8	Interpersonal sensitivity – a willingness to keep an open mind and recognize other perspectives.		Strategic perspectives, able to identify opportunities and threats.	Yes
9	Ability to mentor other directors		Innovator – a willingness to challenge Management and their assumptions, stimulate Board discussion with new, alternative insights and ideas.	Yes
10	Agility to move from advisor to challenger as well as being a strong supportive voice one needed.		Motivation – drive and energy to set and achieve clear objectives and make an impact.	Yes
11	Advisory Skills		Clear personal commitment. Full participation and pro-active as a Board Member. Willingness to deal with tough issues. Maturity and discipline to know and maintain fine line between governance and management oversight.	Yes

Directors of the Company and their areas of expertise is provided hereunder

Name of the <i>Director</i>	Category	Areas of expertise/ competence (as per above provided list)
Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur	Chairman & Non-Executive Director	1 to 11
Mr. Virendraa Bangur	Non-Executive, Vice-Chairman	1 to 11
Mr. Saurabh Bangur	Managing Director	1 to 11
Mr. Virendra Sinha	Independent Director	1 to 11
Mr. Sitaram Sharma	Independent Director	1 to 11
Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	Independent Director	1 to 11
Mr. Sudarshan V. Somani	Independent Director	1 to 11
Mrs. Papia Sengupta	Independent Director	1 to 11
Mr. Mukesh Jain	Executive Director	1 to 11

DECLARATION BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR ON CODE OF CONDUCT

To
The Members of
Andhra Paper Limited

In Compliance with the Regulation 34(3) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, I Confirm that, on the basis of confirmations/declarations received, all the members of the Board of Directors and senior management of the Company have complied with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics framed by the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2025.

Place: Rajahmundry
Date: May 08, 2025

Saurabh Bangur
Managing Director

CERTIFICATE

To
The Members of
Andhra Paper Limited

We have examined the compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance by **Andhra Paper Limited** ("the Company"), for the year ended on March 31, 2025, as stipulated in Regulation 15(2) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance is the responsibility of the Management. Our examination was limited to procedures and implementation thereof, adopted by the Company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of Corporate Governance. It is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion on the Financial Statements of the Company.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us by the Directors, officers and the management, we certify that the Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in the above mentioned Listing Regulations.

We further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For D. Hanumanta Raju & Co
Company Secretaries

CS Mohit Kumar Goyal
Partner

FCS: 9967, CP No: 12751
UDIN: F009967g000300939
PR No: 6326/2024

Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

(Pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para C clause (10)(i) of the SEBI
(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

To,
The Members of
Andhra Paper Limited
Rajahmundry – 533 105,
East Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh.

We have examined the relevant registers, records, forms, returns and disclosures received from the Directors of **ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED** having **CIN:L21010AP1964PLC001008** and having registered office at Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh– 533105 (hereinafter referred to as ‘**the Company**’), produced before us by the Company for the purpose of issuing this Certificate, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) read with Schedule V Para-C Sub clause 10(i) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the verifications (including Directors Identification Number (DIN) status at the portal www.mca.gov.in) as considered necessary and explanations furnished to us by the Company & its officers, we hereby certify that none of the Directors on the Board of the Company as stated below for the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2025 have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of Companies by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, or any such other Statutory Authority.

Sr. No	Name of Director	DIN	Date of Appointment in Company
1	Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur	00053237	30.10.2019
2	Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka	00055934	30.10.2019
3	Mr. Sudarshan Vijaynarain Somani	00137568	30.10.2019
4	Mr. Virendraa Bangur	00237043	30.12.2019
5	Mr. Saurabh Bangur	00236894	01.06.2020
6	Mr. Mukesh Jain	09380039	10.11.2021
7	Mr. Sitaram Sharma	01298299	01.04.2022
8	Mr. Virendra Sinha	03113274	01.04.2022
9	Mrs. Papia Sengupta	07701564	01.09.2022

Ensuring the eligibility for the appointment / continuity of every Director on the Board is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these based on our verification. This certificate is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

For D. Hanumanta Raju & Co
Company Secretaries

CS Mohit Kumar Goyal
Partner

Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

FCS: 9967, CP No: 12751
UDIN: F009967G000300906
PR No: 6326/2024

Annexure – 7

Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR)

About The Company

Andhra Paper Limited is a leading integrated paper and pulp manufacturer in India, known for its commitment to sustainability and quality. With a rich heritage spanning several decades, the Company produces a diverse range of high-quality paper products. Central to its operations is a focus on innovation and efficiency, supported by advanced manufacturing facilities and responsible sourcing practices. Andhra Paper is dedicated to minimizing its environmental impact through water conservation and waste management initiatives. The Company prioritizes customer satisfaction and actively supports social initiatives in education, healthcare and environmental conservation. With a strong foundation built on integrity, quality and sustainability, Andhra Paper Limited continues to be a trusted name in the paper industry, driving innovation and excellence.

On these lines, the Company presents the 'Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report' (BRSR) for FY24-25, pursuant to Regulation 34(2) (f) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In this report, the words – 'The Company', 'Andhra Paper', 'We', 'Our' are used interchangeably to denote Andhra Paper Limited.

SECTION A: GENERAL DISCLOSURES

I. Details of the listed entity:

1.	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Listed Entity	L21010AP1964PLC001008	
2.	Name of the Listed Entity	Andhra Paper Limited	
3.	Year of incorporation	1964	
4.	Registered office address	Sri Ram Nagar, Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh – 533 105	
5.	Corporate address	31, Chowringhee Road, Park Street, Kolkata – 700 016, India.	
6.	E-mail	bijaykumar.sanku@andhrapaper.com	
7.	Telephone	0883-2471831	
8.	Website	www.andhrapaper.com	
9.	Financial year for which reporting is being done	2024-25	
10.	Name of the Stock Exchange(s) where shares are listed :	Name of the Exchange	Stock Code
		BSE Ltd.	502330
		National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.	ANDHRAPAP
11.	Paid-up Capital	₹3,977 Lakhs	
12.	Name and contact details (telephone, email address) of the person who may be contacted in case of any queries on the BRSR report	Mr. Bijay Kumar Sanku Company Secretary & Compliance Officer Tel: 0883-2471831 Email: bijaykumar.sanku@andhrapaper.com	
13.	Reporting boundary - Are the disclosures under this report made on a standalone basis (i.e. only for the entity) or on a consolidated basis (i.e. for the entity and all the entities which form a part of its consolidated financial statements, taken together)	The disclosures under this report are made on a standalone basis	
14.	Name of assurance provider	Not Applicable for the reporting period as per SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2025/42 dt. 28 March, 2025	
15.	Type of assurance obtained	Not Applicable for the reporting period as per SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2025/42 dt. 28 March, 2025	

II. Products/services

16. Details of business activities (accounting for 90% of the turnover):

S. No.	Description of Main Activity	Description of Business Activity	% of Turnover of the entity
1.	Manufacture	Manufacture of Paper, Paperboard and pulp	100.00

17. Products/Services sold by the entity (accounting for 90% of the entity's Turnover):

S. No.	Product/ Service	NIC Code	% of Turnover contributed
1.	Paper, Paperboard and pulp	17011, 17016 and 17093	100.00

III. Operations

18. Number of locations where plants and/or operations/offices of the entity are situated:

Location	Number of plants	Number of offices	Total
National	2	7	9
International	-	-	-

19. Markets served by the entity:

a. Number of locations

Locations	Number
National (No. of States & UTs)	25
International (No. of Countries)	9

b. What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total turnover of the entity?

Total contribution of exports is 4% of the total turnover of the Company.

c. A brief on types of customers:

The Company manufactures writing, printing and copier papers for both domestic and global markets. Its customer base includes printers, publishers, notebook converters, wholesalers, stationers and corporations.

IV. Employees

20. Details as at the end of Financial Year:

a. Employees and workers (including differently abled):

S. No.	Particulars	Total (A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)	838	821	97.97	17	2.03
2.	Other than Permanent (E)	17	17	100.00	0	0.00
3.	Total employees (D + E)	855	838	98.01	17	1.99
WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)	1,131	1,128	99.73	3	0.27
5.	Other than Permanent (G)	3,951	3,840	97.19	111	2.81
6.	Total workers (F + G)	5,082	4,968	97.76	114	2.24

b. Differently abled Employees and workers:

S. No	Particulars	Total (A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
DIFFERENTLY ABLED EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)		NIL			
2.	Other than Permanent (E)					
3.	Total differently abled employees (D + E)					
DIFFERENTLY ABLED WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)		NIL			
5.	Other than permanent (G)					
6.	Total differently abled workers (F + G)					

21. Participation/Inclusion/Representation of women

	Total (A)	No. and percentage of Females	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)
Board of Directors	9	1	11.11
Key Management Personnel*	4	0	0.00

*KMP also includes members of the Board

22. Turnover rate for permanent employees and workers (in percent)

	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24			FY 2022-23		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Permanent Employees	14.37	6.06	10.22	13.53	13.79	13.54	12.84	29.63	13.13
Permanent Workers	1.85	0.00	0.92	3.48	0.00	3.47	23.89	93.33	24.62

V. Holding, Subsidiary and Associate Companies (including joint ventures)**23. (a) Names of holding / subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures**

S. No.	Name of the holding/ subsidiary/ associate companies/ joint ventures (A)	Indicate whether holding/ Subsidiary/ Associate/ Joint Venture	% of shares held by listed entity	Does the entity indicated at column A, participate in the Business Responsibility initiatives of the listed entity? (Yes/No)
1.	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	Holding	72.45	No
2.	Andhra Paper Private Limited*	Subsidiary	100.00	No

* The Company has submitted application for strike-off and is pending for approval.

VI. CSR Details**24. (i) Whether CSR is applicable as per section 135 of Companies Act, 2013: Yes**

(ii) Turnover (in ₹) – 15,22,26,84,593

(iii) Net worth (in ₹) – 19,40,83,36,000

VII. Transparency and Disclosures Compliances

25. Complaints/Grievance on any of the principles (Principles 1 to 9) under the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct:

Stakeholder group from whom complaint is received	Grievance Redressal Mechanism in Place (Yes/ No) (If Yes, then provide web-link for grievance redress policy)	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
		Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks	Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks
Communities	Yes, The CSR Team is the point of reference for all grievances. The web link of the CSR policy: https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517930CSR%20Policy.pdf	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Investors (other than shareholders)	N.A as The Company does not have any investors other than shareholders.	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Shareholders	Yes. The SEBI mechanism of SCORES is effectively in place (Portal: https://scores.gov.in). Shareholders can refer to the Investor grievance Policy on the following link: https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/17_Investor-Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf .	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Employees and workers	Yes, The Company has an internal mechanism wherein all complaints/ grievances are handled through the industrial relations department of the Company.	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Customers	Yes, The Company has mentioned the grievance mechanism in contracts and agreements entered into with the distributors (Indentors), dealers, agents and customers of the Company.	57	7	Closure to be ascertained as goods need to be consumed	89	0	All complaints closed.
Value Chain Partners	Yes. Company has a Whistle Blower mechanism for all grievance apart from redressal mechanism of Sales and Marketing Web link of policy - https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1658382966Whistle%20Blower%20Policy%20modified%20on%2021.07.2022	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA

26. Overview of the entity's material responsible business conduct issues pertaining to environmental and social matters that present a risk or an opportunity to your business, rationale for identifying the same, approach to adapt or mitigate the risk along-with its financial implications

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk/ opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
1	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Risk	The manufacturing of pulp and paper products generates direct greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the combustion of fossil fuels and biomass in stationary and mobile engines, cogeneration boilers, and other processing equipment. Companies in this industry also typically use significant amounts of carbon-neutral biomass for their energy needs, the use of which may reduce the costs associated with purchasing fossil fuels, as well as mitigate regulatory risk associated with carbon emissions. Emissions associated with fossil fuel sources may add regulatory compliance costs, depending on the magnitude of emissions and the prevailing emissions regulations. Entities that cost-effectively manage GHG emissions through greater energy efficiency, alternative fuels use or manufacturing process improvements may benefit from improved operating efficiency and reduced regulatory compliance costs.	Andhra Paper is actively mitigating greenhouse gas emissions through a multifaceted approach. This includes substituting fossil fuels with various biofuels in coal-fired boilers, exclusively operating the Recovery Boiler on 100% biofuel derived from black liquor, and maximizing internal power generation efficiency, with 72.1% of power needs met by the Recovery Boiler and use of Biofuels in coal boiler. Additionally, the Company repurposes CO2 emissions from the Rotary Lime Kiln stack to produce Precipitated Calcium Carbonate, reducing emissions while adding value to the production process. Complementing these efforts is a substantial farm forestry program distributing 205 Lakh Casuarina clones, 799 Lakh Casuarina seedlings, 8 Lakh Eucalyptus clones, 147 Lakh Subabul seedlings covered approximately 15,036 hectares of land in FY 2024-25, contributing to carbon sequestration and ensuring sustainable wood sourcing.	Positive

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk/ opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
2	Water Management	Risk	Pulp and paper manufacturing relies heavily on water for material processing, cooling, and energy production. This process generates substantial wastewater, necessitating treatment before discharge. Water scarcity can lead to higher costs, supply disruptions, or conflicts.	The Company has implemented a range of water conservation initiatives to address the high water usage inherent in pulp and paper manufacturing. These initiatives include reusing backwater and secondary condensate in paper machines, as well as using treated water for gardening. We also repurpose reject from the water treatment plant, upgrade paper machine showers, and reuse white water within machines. Approximately 13633 KL of water per day reused in manufacturing process. Furthermore, we have optimized cooling system for RLK bearings and transitioned from fresh to hot water in showers. These efforts have led to a significant reduction in specific water consumption per ton of product, from 53.5m ³ to 48.0m ³ , demonstrating our commitment to sustainable water management.	Positive
3	Supply Chain Management	Risk	The main input for paper industry is wood procured from various sources and in various forms. The industry source wood and fiber from forestry management entities, paper recyclers, and self-managed forests. Risks in the supply chain include decreased forest productivity due to management or increase in prices due to shortage, competition, climate issues, sustainable forest management regulations, and reputational impacts. These may materially affect the production and ultimately financials.	To mitigate risks associated with sourcing wood and fiber for pulp and paper production, the Company has implemented a comprehensive farm forestry program. For the year 25-26 company is planning to invest ₹40 million as managed expenses towards payment of incentive, certification and Forestry-R&D. In addition to this it will also incur about ₹26 million towards salary & wages, Payment of permanent employees engaged exclusively for extension of Farm Forestry programme. Also adopted various tools to train and motivate the farmers for opting hi-tech Plantations like establishment of demonstration plantation, imparting training, organizing exposure visit and conducting village level meetings. In CY26, Company set a target to expand plantation in 18,000-hectare area as against 15,000 hectare in CY 25. With this, approx. 6,900 farmers will be benefited and about 75 lacs man-days rural employment will be generated.	Both Negative & Positive. domestic wood price increased by 28 % There was shortage of wood leading to import of wood and consequently, domestic wood purchase decreased by 19 % in volume

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk/ opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
4	Health & Safety	Risk	Occupational hazard and accidents may result in fatal injury including loss of life of workmen, contractors, apart from direct and indirect loss of production and property and may entail prosecution and/or fine.	Periodic review of incident statistics is conducted to monitor trends in safety performance and the occurrence of accidents. Central Safety Committee meetings are held once in quarter to review and ensure adherence to safety standards. Hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA) is prepared for all routine activities to identify potential hazards mill-wide and mitigate risks accordingly. A Permit to Work (PTW) system is in place to regulate and control high-risk tasks, ensuring that all activities are authorized and conducted safely. Third party vendors compliance to safety standards is reviewed and vendors are issued advisory for any gaps. All third party vendors have been advised to obtain insurance for their workers coming into the premises. A total of 13280.5 hours of training has provided on Safety and health during the year.	Positive

SECTION B: MANAGEMENT AND PROCESS DISCLOSURES

This section is aimed at helping businesses demonstrate the structures, policies and processes put in place towards adopting the NGRBC Principles and Core Elements

Disclosure Questions	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
Policy and management processes									
1. a. Whether your entity's policy/ policies cover each principle and its core elements of the NGRBCs. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Has the policy been approved by the Board? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Web Link of the Policies, if available									

The Policies of Andhra Papers Limited are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of policy	Link to Policy	Which Principles each policies goes into
1	Code of Conduct for Regulating, Monitoring and Reporting of Trading by Designated Persons	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/6_Code-of-Conduct-for-Regulating-Monitoring-and-Reporting-of-Trading-by-Designated-Persons.pdf	P1, P4, P7
2	Nomination & Remuneration Charter	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/10_Nomination-and-Remuneration-Committee-Charter.pdf	P3, P4
3	Dividend distribution policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517957Dividend%20Distribution%20Policy.pdf	P3, P4
4	Policy on Related Party Transactions	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Policy-on-related-party-transactions-1.pdf	P1, P4, P7
5	Policy on Material subsidiaries	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517984Policy%20on%20Material%20Subsidiaries.pdf	P1
6	Policy for disclosure of events or information to Stock Exchanges under SEBI Listing Regulations	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Policy-for-disclosure-of-events-or-information.pdf	P1, P4
7	CSR Policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1645517930CSR%20Policy.pdf	P4, P8
8	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1599824151Code%20of%20Business%20Conduct%20and%20Ethics.pdf	P1
9	Whistle blower Policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1658382966Whistle%20Blower%20Policy%20modified%20on%202021.07.2022	P1
10	Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH)	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1598599964Protection%20of%20Women%20against%20sexual%20harassment%20Policy.pdf	P5
11	Policy on Supplier Code of Conduct	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1598599917Policy%20on%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf	P2, P3, P9
12	Sustainability	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1598600119Sustainability%20Policy.pdf	P2
13	Quality, Environment, Health & Safety Policy (QEHS)	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/QEHS-Policy-English-1.pdf	P2, P6

Sr. No.	Name of policy	Link to Policy	Which Principles each policies goes into
14	Policy for preservation of documents under SEBI Listing Regulations	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/5_Policy-for-Preservation-of-documents-under-SEBI-LODR-Regulations-2015.pdf	P1
15	Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7_Code-of-Practices-and-Procedures-for-Fair-Disclosure-of-UPSI.pdf	P1
16	Controlled Wood Policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1598599886Controlled%20Wood%20Policy.pdf	P2, P6
17	Investor Grievance Redressal Policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/17_Investor-Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf	P1
18	Remuneration Policy	https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/themes/andhra_paper/uploads/investors/1599824266Remuneration%20Policy.pdf	P3, P8
19	Grievance Redressal at Workplace	Intranet	P3, P5
20	Policy on Child and Forced Labour	Intranet	P5
21	Gift Giving Policy	Intranet	P1, P4
22	Gift Receiving Policy	Intranet	P1, P4
23	Policy on Value & Ethics (Code of Conduct)	Intranet	P1
24	Policy on Human Rights	Intranet	P5
25	Policy on Prevention of discrimination in Employment and Occupation	Intranet	P1, P5, P8
26	Freedom of Association	Intranet	P3, P7
27	Information Security Policy and procedure	Intranet	P1, P2, P7

2. Whether the entity has translated the policy into procedures. (Yes / No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Do the enlisted policies extend to your value chain partners? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. Name of the national and international codes/certifications/labels/ standards (e.g.Forest Stewardship Council, Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Trustea) standards (e.g. SA 8000, OHSAS, ISO, BIS) adopted by your entity and mapped to each principle.	Andhra Paper production units have well-defined Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS), quality management and environment management systems in place that have been established in accordance with International Standards such as : ISO 9001 (Quality Management System), ISO 14001 (Environment Management System), ISO 45001 (Occupational Health & Safety Management System), FSC® Controlled Wood Procurement Policy, BIS Standards. The certificates can be accessed in Company's website at https://andhrapaper.com/iso-certificates/								

5. Specific commitments, goals and targets set by the entity with defined timelines, if any.	Mill wide goals set for the financial year 2024-25: <u>Rajahmundry Mill:</u> 1) To achieve specific water consumption in the range of 50 – 55 M3 per ton of product. 2) To improve overall chemical recovery efficiency at 96-98 % 3) To achieve optimal area of 5061 hectares of Subabul, Eucalyptus and Casuarina plantation to meet the projected HARD WOOD Demand 4) Reduction of Sulphuric acid consumption in between 22 – 24 KG per ton of Bleached pulp. 5) Employee development training man hours / Employee / Year – Staff Min. 6.0 hrs. 6) To achieve Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) at 75 % (Rating min.3.75/5). 7) Product Rejections to maintain Max. 2.5 %. <u>Kadiyam Mill:</u> 1) Reduction of Power consumption to < 917 KWH per ton of product. 2) Product Rejections to maintain < 1.97 %. 3) To achieve Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) at 75 % (Rating min.3.75/5) 4) Employee development training man hours / Employee / Year – Workers Min. 8.0 hrs.
6. Performance of the entity against the specific commitments, goals and targets along-with reasons in case the same are not met.	Mill wide goals achieved for the Financial year 2024-25 <u>Rajahmundry Mill:</u> 1) Specific water consumption achieved 48 M3 against target of 50– 55 M3 per ton of product. 2) Overall chemical recovery efficiency achieved 96.87 % against Target of 96-98 % 3) 5199.63 hectares of optimal area for plantation of Subabul, Eucalyptus and Casuarina met against target of 5061 hectares. 4) Reduced Sulphuric acid consumption to 17.82 against target of 22 – 24 KG per ton of Bleached pulp. 5) Employee development training man hours / Employee / Year – Staff achieved 14.7 against target of 6.0 hrs. 6) Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) is 4.35 % against target of 3.75 % 7) Product Rejections is at 2.31 % against target of Max. 2.5 %. <u>Kadiyam Mill:</u> 1) Power consumption is at 913 against target of 917 KWH per ton of product. 2) Product Rejections is at 1.56 % against target of < 1.97 %. 3) Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) achieved 4.21 % against target of 3.75 % 4) Employee development training man hours / Employee / Year – Workers is at 10.02 against target of Min. 8.0 hrs.

Governance, leadership and oversight

7. Statement by director responsible for the business responsibility report, highlighting ESG related challenges, targets and achievements

At Andhra Paper Limited (APL), our vision is to be the top-performing and most respected paper company in India by embedding Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into our core business strategy. We believe that sustainable growth is only possible when we create long-term value for all stakeholders—our customers, employees, communities, and the environment.

Environmental Responsibility

APL acknowledges the environmental challenges facing the paper industry, particularly in the areas of climate change, resource consumption, and waste generation. We have established a robust Quality, Environment, Health, and Safety (QEHS) Policy to drive improvements in these areas. Our targets include reducing carbon emissions, optimizing energy and water usage, and strengthening our waste management systems. Notable achievements during the reporting period include increased use of clean energy, enhanced water recycling, improved air emission controls and CHG trapping for reuse.

Social Commitment

We are equally committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and equitable workplace. APL ensures clean, safe, and fair working conditions for its employees and partners. We continue to invest in skill development, health, and welfare initiatives through our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes, aligned with our CSR and Human Rights Policies. Our goal is to be the neighbour of choice by contributing meaningfully to the socio-economic development of the communities in which we operate.

Governance and Ethics:

Strong governance is the foundation of our operations. Our Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy guides every decision and action across the organisation. We are committed to upholding integrity, transparency, and accountability in all our dealings, fostering trust among stakeholders and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and standards.

APL's ability to adapt through technological advancement, process automation, and a customer-first approach ensures that we continue to deliver high-quality products with minimal environmental impact. As we progress, ESG will remain central to our business, shaping our roadmap toward sustainable value creation.

-Mr. Mukesh Jain, Executive Director

8. Details of the highest authority responsible for implementation and oversight of the Business Responsibility policy (ies).	Mr. Mukesh Jain Executive Director mukesh.jain@andhrapaper.com
9. Does the entity have a specified Committee of the Board/ Director responsible for decision making on sustainability related issues? (Yes / No). If yes, provide details.	Yes, Mr. Mukesh Jain Executive Director mukesh.jain@andhrapaper.com DIN Number: 09380039 Ph: 0883-2471831

10. Details of Review of NGRBCs by the Company:

Subject for Review	Indicate whether review was under taken by Director /Committee of the Board/ Any other Committee									Frequency (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly/ Any other – please specify)								
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
Performance against above policies and follow up action	Yes, the Board of directors has reviewed the performance against all the above mentioned policies.									Annually								
Compliance with statutory requirements of relevance to the principles, and, rectification of any non-compliances	The compliance review has been carried out by The Board of directors and relevant committees.									Annually								

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
11. Has the entity carried out independent assessment/ evaluation of the working of its policies by an external agency? (Yes/No). If yes, provide name of the agency.	Operationalization and effectiveness of policies have been evaluated by Dhir & Dhir Associates, a Law Firm in the year 2023-2024. Evaluation was conducted on the working of policies.								

12. If answer to question (1) above is “No” i.e. not all Principles are covered by a policy, reasons to be stated:

Questions	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
The entity does not consider the Principles material to its business (Yes/No)	Not Applicable								
The entity is not at a stage where it is in a position to formulate and implement the policies on specified principles (Yes/No)									
The entity does not have the financial or/ human and technical resources available for the task (Yes/No)									
It is planned to be done in the next financial year (Yes/No)									

SECTION C: PRINCIPLE WISE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

PRINCIPLE 1 Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with integrity, and in a manner that is Ethical, Transparent and Accountable.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Percentage coverage by training and awareness programmes on any of the Principles during the financial year:

Segment	Total Number of training and awareness programmes held	Topics/ principles covered under the training and its impact	% age of persons in respective category covered by the awareness programmes
Board of Directors	4	During the year, the Board of Directors have invested time on various updates and presentations comprising matters relating to an array of issues pertaining to the business, operations, regulations, economy and environment, social and governance parameters, Risk Management, Market developments, new initiatives, community engagement, and so on.	100
Key Managerial Personnel	3	The Company periodically updates and familiarises the KMP's on topics like Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Compliance updates, Risk Management, Business operations.	100
Employees other than BoD and KMPs	5	The Company provides its employees and workers with awareness trainings and programmes on topics such as:	100
Workers	5	• Environment Related; • Behavioural & Managerial Related; • Technical Related; • System Related; • ISO Awareness Training; • Prevention of Sexual Harassment	100

2. Details of fines / penalties /punishment/ award/ compounding fees/ settlement amount paid in proceedings (by the entity or by directors / KMPs) with regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, in the financial year (basis the materiality as specified in Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Obligations) Regulations, 2015 and as disclosed on the entity's website)

Monetary					
	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/judicial institutions	Amount (in INR)	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/No)
Penalty/Fine		NSE	108560	Delay of 46 days in taking shareholders approval for appointing non-executive director who has attained 75 years	Yes
		BSE	108560		Yes
Settlement			N.A		
Compounding Fee			N.A		

Non-Monetary					
	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/enforcement agencies/judicial institutions	Amount (in INR)	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/No)
Imprisonment			NIL		
Punishment					

3. Of the instances disclosed in Question 2 above, details of the Appeal/ Revision preferred in cases where monetary or non-monetary action has been appealed.

Case Details	Name of the regulatory/enforcement agencies/judicial institutions
Non-compliance of Regulation 17(1A) of SEBI(LODR) Regulations, 2015	Company has filed waiver application on 01.04.2025 with NSE and the same is deemed the application for BSE and is under verification.

4. Does the entity have an anti-corruption or anti-bribery policy? If yes, provide details in brief and if available, provide a web-link to the policy.

Yes, the Company has adopted the 'Code of Conduct', to ensure ethics, transparency and accountability in all aspects of the business. All Directors and Senior Management personnel pledge compliance with Code on an annual basis. The Company's Supplier Code of Conduct addresses anti-corruption and anti-bribery issues.

In accordance with the stated Code of Conduct, the Company believes that it operates its business in a transparent manner and is not involved in bribery or corruption. Further, the Company's gifting policy restricts the giving and taking gifts, thereby placing control on anticorruption and anti-bribery. The Supplier Code of Conduct and policy on Giving Gifts for Andhra Paper is available on the Company's official website at <https://andhraper.com/investors-policies/>

5. Number of Directors/KMPs/employees/workers against whom disciplinary action was taken by any law enforcement agency for the charges of bribery/ corruption:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Directors	NIL	NIL
KMPs		
Employees		
Workers		

6. Details of complaints with regard to conflict of interest:

	FY 2024-25		FY 2023-24	
	Number	Remarks	Number	Remarks
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of conflict of interest of the Directors	NIL	NA	NIL	NA
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of Conflict of Interest of the KMPs	NIL	NA	NIL	NA

7. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway on issues related to fines / penalties/ action taken by regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, on cases of corruption and conflicts of interest.

Not Applicable

8. Number of days of accounts payables ((Accounts payable *365) / Cost of goods/services procured) in the following format:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Number of days of accounts payables	31.64	40.36

9. Open-ness of Business

Provide details of concentration of purchases and sales with trading houses, dealers and related parties along-with loans and advances & investments, with related parties, in the following format:

Parameter	Metrics	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Concentration of Purchases	Purchases from Trading houses as % of total purchases	65.00	62.00
	Number of trading houses where purchases and made from	646	782
	Purchases from top 10 trading houses as % of total purchases from trading houses	58.00	48.00
Concentration of Sales	Sales to dealers/distributors as % of total sales	94.40	89.66
	Number of dealers/distributors to whom sales are made	56	58
	Sales to top 10 dealers/ distributors as % of total sales to dealers/ distributors	41.16	42.21
Share of RPTs in	Purchases (Purchases with related parties/ Total Purchases)	0.00	0.00
	Sales (Sales to related parties/Total Sales)	0.00	0.00
	Loans & advances (Loans & advances given to related parties/Total loans & advances)	0.00	0.00
	Investments (Investments in related parties/ Total Investments made)	0.00	0.00

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Awareness programmes conducted for value chain partners on any of the Principles during the financial year:

Total number of awareness programmes held	Topic/principles covered under the training	% age of value chain partners covered (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed
2	Human rights, Labour practices, Sustainability	100% Dealers/Distributors
2657	Agricultural Productivity, Plantation management, Health & Safety	100% Farmers
48	Health & Safety	100% Contract workers

2. Does the entity have processes in place to avoid/ manage conflict of interests involving members of the Board? (Yes/No). If Yes, provide details of the same.

Yes, the Company has adopted a Code of Conduct specifically for the Directors of the Company and Members of Senior Management of the rank of Vice President and above (Covered Employees). The Code sets out that they should act in the best interests of the Company and avoid/ abstain from situations, which gives to rise conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest.

PRINCIPLE 2 Businesses should provide goods and services in a manner that is sustainable and safe

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. **Percentage of R&D and capital expenditure (capex) investments in specific technologies to improve the environmental and social impacts of product and processes to total R&D and capex investments made by the entity, respectively.**

	2024-25	2023-24	Details of Improvements in environmental and social impacts
R&D	100.00%	100.00%	Removal of impurities and chemicals, Increases pulp yield, producing more finished product from the same raw material, Improved efficiency, Lowers fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, boosting environmental performance and reduced fuel use.
Capex	100.00%	100.00%	- Do-

2. **a. Does the entity have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing? (Yes/No)**

The Company has a policy called the "Controlled Wood Policy," through which it refrains from procuring or sourcing wood from specific categories deemed illegal or unsustainable.

- b. If yes, what percentage of inputs were sourced sustainably?**

Overall, 100% of the Company's inputs are sustainably sourced.

3. **Describe the processes in place to safely reclaim your products for reusing, recycling and disposing at the end of life, for (a) Plastics (including packaging) (b) E-waste (c) Hazardous waste and (d) other waste.**

The Company has established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the management of Hazardous & Non-Hazardous wastes, E-Waste, Batteries Waste, and Bio-Medical waste, ensuring consistent implementation and compliance across various sections.

- (a) Plastics (including packaging):** Andhra Paper Limited has registered with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for extended producer responsibility (EPR) under plastic waste rules (PWR) in 2016. Around 1370 tones of plastic packages was collected from the market and recycled against EPR target of 1370 Tones for the year 2024-25 for all locations of Andhra Paper by engaging approved and registered by the CPCB under EPR third-party organization. Annual Returns for FY 2023-24 were successfully uploaded in CPCB EPR portal and was accepted by CPCB. This indicates the company is full compliance on EPR.
- (b) E-waste:** The company obtained authorization order from the State Pollution Control Board for E-waste disposal along with all other wastes. The Company dispose its E-waste to SPCB / CPCB authorized dismantlers, recyclers and re-processors for proper disposal / recycling. Annual returns are being submitted to SPCB as per guidelines.
- (c) Hazardous waste:** The Andhra Paper is authorized by the SPCB to reuse a part of their hazardous waste as a biofuel in their boilers, while the remaining hazardous waste is sent to external parties for recycling or disposal in accordance in accordance with the SPCB authorization order.
- (d) Other waste:** The Company complies with the SPCB authorization order for non-hazardous waste disposal. Part of the non-hazardous waste is sent to authorized external parties for beneficial usage, recycling or disposal and remaining waste is reused internally in boilers as a biofuel in accordance with the SPCB authorization.

Regular annual training sessions are organized for all employees involved in waste handling activities. Waste segregation, collection, storage, and disposal procedures strictly adhere to the conditions outlined in the Hazardous Waste Authorization issued by the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). Additionally, the Company submits annual returns to the SPCB as required by regulations. All waste materials are securely stored in closed containers or under concrete platforms with sheds, minimizing any potential impact on the environment and human health. Furthermore, Transport Emergency Cards (TREM CARDS) are available for applicable waste materials, ensuring preparedness for transportation emergencies.

4. **Whether Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is applicable to the entity's activities (Yes / No). If yes, whether the waste collection plan is in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) plan submitted to Pollution Control Boards? If not, provide steps taken to address the same.**

The Company has registered with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. In the fiscal year 2024-25, the defined targets for each category were achieved, with Category 1 reaching 126 tons, Category 2 reaching 594 tons and Category 3 reaching 650 tons totalling to 1370 Tons.

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. **Has the entity conducted Life Cycle Perspective / Assessments (LCA) for any of its products (for manufacturing industry) or for its services (for service industry)? If yes, provide details in the following format?**

NIC Code	Name of Product/ Service	% of total Turnover Contributed	Boundary for which the Life Cycle Perspective / Assessment was conducted	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/No) If yes, provide the web-link.
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The Company has not conducted Life Cycle Assessment during the Financial Year. However, We understand that conducting a full LCA is essential for gaining a holistic view of our environmental footprint—from fiber sourcing and manufacturing to transportation and end-of-life disposal. This insight is critical for pinpointing environmental hotspots and guiding targeted improvements. Accordingly, we are actively evaluating resources and partnerships to undertake a comprehensive LCA in the near future.

2. **If there are any significant social or environmental concerns and/or risks arising from production or disposal of your products / services, as identified in the Life Cycle Perspective / Assessments (LCA) or through any other means, briefly describe the same along-with action taken to mitigate the same.**

Name of Product/ Service	Description of the risk/ concern	Action Taken
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Not Applicable since the Company has not conducted Life Cycle Assessment during the Financial Year

3. **Percentage of recycled or reused input material to total material (by value) used in production (for manufacturing industry) or providing services (for service industry).**

Unit - Rajahmundry

Indicate input material	Recycled or re-used input material to total material	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Recycled Liq Salt used as % of Total Salt Cake (Sodium sulphate)	72.86	67.96
Recycled White Liquor Consumed as % Total white Liquor	96.87	97.00
RBC / Reclaimed Water / Se. Condensate use as % of Total	100.00	100.00
Knots reused as % of Total	100.00	0.25
Recycled Lime Consumed as % of Total Lime	96.15	89.64

Unit – Kadiam

Indicate input material	Recycled or re-used input material to total material	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Recycled water consumption%	49.7	38.5

4. Of the products and packaging reclaimed at end of life of products, amount (in metric tonnes) reused, recycled, and safely disposed, as per the following format:

	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Re-Used	Recycled	Safely Disposed	Re-Used	Recycled	Safely Disposed
Plastics (including packaging)	0	1,370	0	0	900.00	0
E-waste	0	9.39	0	0	23.00	0
Hazardous Waste	3,699.48	26,120.01	48.99	5,566.00	56,512.00	16.00
Other waste (Paper)	32,044.68	79,673.01	0	1,01,455.00	54,489.00	0

5. Reclaimed products and their packaging materials (as percentage of products sold) for each product category

Indicate product category	Reclaimed products and their packaging materials (as percentage of products sold) for each product category
Not Applicable	

PRINCIPLE 3 Businesses should respect and promote the well-being of all employees, including those in their value chains

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. a. Details of measures for the well-being of employees:

% of employees covered by											
Category	Total (A)	Health Insurance		Accident Insurance		Maternity Benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
Permanent Employees											
Male	821	821	100	821	100	0	0	821	100	821	100
Female	17	17	100	17	100	17	100	0	0	17	100
Total*	838	838	100	838	100	17	2.03	821	97.97	838	100
Other than Permanent Employees											
Male	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- b. Details of measures for the well-being of workers:

% of workers covered by											
Category	Total (A)	Health Insurance		Accident Insurance		Maternity Benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
Permanent Workers											
Male	1,128	1,128	100	1,128	100	0	0	1,128	100	1,128	100
Female	3	3	100	3	100	3	100	0	0	3	100
Total*	1,131	1,131	100	1,131	100	3	0.27	1,128	99.73	1,131	100
Other than Permanent workers											
Male	3,840	0	0	616	16.04	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	111	0	0	44	39.64	111	100	0	0	0	0
Total	3,951	0	0	660	16.70	111	2.81	0	0	0	0

c. Spending on measures towards well-being of employees and workers (including permanent and other than permanent) in the following format:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Cost incurred on well-being measures as a % of total revenue of the Company	0.18	0.12

2. Details of retirement benefits, for Current FY and Previous Financial Year.

Benefits	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)
PF	100%	100%	Y	100.00	100.00	Y
Gratuity	100%	100%	NA	100.00	100.00	NA
ESI	0	20.6	Y	0.35	23.00	Y

3. Accessibility of workplaces

Are the premises / offices of the entity accessible to differently abled employees and workers, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If not, whether any steps are being taken by the entity in this regard.

The Company is committed to creating a more inclusive and accessible work environment for all its employees. The Company has installed Lifts and Portable ramps in the offices and has constructed special washrooms for the differently abled at the plants. The facilities and offices are designed to be accessible to differently abled employees, and management consistently strives to enhance infrastructure to remove accessibility barriers.

4. Does the entity have an equal opportunity policy as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If so, provide a web-link to the policy.

The Company has enforced a thorough internal policy that forbids any form of discrimination related to disabilities. The Company offers reasonable accommodations to empower employees with disabilities to effectively fulfill their responsibilities. By advocating for respect and equal opportunities, it aims to foster a diverse and skilled workforce capable of contributing to its advancement and prosperity.

5. Return to work and Retention rates of permanent employees and workers that took parental leave.

Gender	Permanent Employees		Permanent workers	
	Return to work rate	Retention rate	Return to work rate	Retention rate
Male	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Female	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

6. Is there a mechanism available to receive and redress grievances for the following categories of employees and worker? If yes, give details of the mechanism in brief.

	Yes/No (If Yes, then give details of the mechanism in brief)
Permanent Workers	Yes, The Company's Grievance Redressal Policy is aimed at providing employees with a safe and transparent platform to voice their concerns without fear of retaliation. The policy is structured to ensure a fair, timely, and effective resolution of grievances, thereby fostering a positive and productive work environment. Employees may raise their concerns through the Grievance Redressal Committee, which undertakes a thorough examination of all issues reported during the financial year and ensures that appropriate corrective actions are implemented.
Other than Permanent Workers	
Permanent Employees	
Other than Permanent Employees	

7. Membership of employees and worker in association(s) or Unions recognized by the listed entity:

Category	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Total employees / workers in respective category (A)	No. of employees/ workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (B)	% (B / A)	Total employees / workers in respective category (C)	No. of employees/ workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (D)	% (D / C)
Total Permanent Employees	838	0	0	841	0	0.00
Male	821	0	0	825	0	0.00
Female	17	0	0	16	0	0.00
Total Permanent Worker	1,131	1,131	100	1,150	1,150	100.00
Male	1,128	1,128	100	1,147	1,147	100.00
Female	3	3	100	3	3	100.00

8. Details of training given to employees and workers:

	FY 2024-25					FY 2023-24				
	Total (A)	On Health and Safety measures		On Skill upgradation		Total (D)	On Health and Safety measures		On Skill upgradation	
		No. (B)	% (B/A)	No. (C)	% (C/A)		No. (E)	% (E/D)	No. (F)	% (F/D)
Employees										
Male	838	545	65.04	601	71.72	842	588	69.83	645	76.60
Female	17	15	88.24	17	100	16	11	68.75	13	81.25
Total	855	560	65.50	618	72.28	858	599	69.81	658	76.69
Workers										
Male	4,968	1,912	38.49	1,716	34.54	3,880	1,722	44.38	1,789	46.11
Female	114	82	71.93	79	69.30	114	86	75.44	73	64.04
Total	5,082	1,994	39.24	1,795	35.32	3,994	1,808	45.27	1,862	46.62

9. Details of performance and career development reviews of employees and worker:

Category	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Total (A)	No. (B)	% (B/A)	Total (C)	No. (D)	% (D/C)
Employees						
Male	838	779	93.00	842	788	93.59
Female	17	16	94.00	16	14	87.50
Total	855	795	93.00	858	802	93.47
Workers*						
Male	4,968	204	4.00	3,880	0	0.00
Female	114	0	0.00	114	0	0.00
Total	5,082	204	4.00	3,994	0	0.00

*The Company has a Negotiated Long Term Wage Agreement with the workers which states the remuneration and the benefits the workers are entitled to during the term. Therefore, a formal performance appraisal is not being done for workers.

10. Health and safety management system:**a. Whether an occupational health and safety management system has been implemented by the entity? (Yes/ No). If yes, the coverage such system?**

Yes, the Company's dedication to safeguarding the safety and welfare of its employees is demonstrated through its adherence to ISO 45001:2018 standards. Additionally, the implementation of the LIFE (Life Changing Injury and Fatality Elimination) project – a Flagship Program for Health and Safety by the Company, underscores this commitment, featuring regular quarterly evaluations to assess its efficacy. This endeavor is geared towards bolstering the Company's safety standards and fostering a secure workplace environment for its staff. Furthermore, the Company employs the APL Safety Leading Indicator, a pivotal metric for gauging its safety performance. This indicator is tailored to track leading safety performance factors, offering valuable insights into areas necessitating enhancement. The Company leverages this metric to monitor its Health and Safety performance and make requisite adjustments to its practices, further fortifying the safety of its employees.

b. What are the processes used to identify work-related hazards and assess risks on a routine and non-routine basis by the entity?

The Company employs a range of procedures, audits and initiatives to safeguard the safety and well-being of its employees. These include the Hazard Recognition and Risk Assessment program as part of its Integrated Management System. Additionally, the Company conducts an annual Safety Audit Program in line with IS 14489 standards, as well as a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and Job Safety Analysis Program. Furthermore, the Company carries out a Mill Wide Cross Functional Audit Program and conducts both internal and external health and safety audits.

The Company also organizes campaign programs such as National Safety Week, Electrical Safety Week, Fire Services Week, 5S Week, and APL Safety Month (LIFE month). Employees undergo training in hazard recognition and control strategies through the Competence Development program. Moreover, the Company implements industrial best practices and programs like Personal Lock Out and Tag Out (LOTO), Group LOTO, permit-to-work systems, and Safe Work Observations to ensure employee safety.

c. Whether you have processes for workers to report the work-related hazards and to remove themselves from such risks. (Y/N)

Yes, the Company has instituted numerous initiatives aimed at bolstering workplace safety. These include a Near Miss Reporting Programme, which encourages employees to report incidents that narrowly avoided accidents. The Company also employs an "Unsafe Act/ Unsafe Condition" Identification Process, a SAP-based Safety Notification Process, and a Safe Work Observation Programme. These endeavors are geared towards identifying potential hazards and proactively preventing accidents, underscoring the Company's dedication to prioritizing the safety and welfare of its employees.

d. Do the employees/ worker of the entity have access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services? (Yes/ No)

Yes, the Company is committed to fostering the health and welfare of its employees and workforce. Recognizing the significance of access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services in sustaining a healthy workforce, the Company provides free health checkups for its employees regularly. Administered by qualified medical professionals, these checkups aim to detect and prevent potential health issues. Additionally, the Company extends medical facilities and first-aid services to both employees and workers as part of this commitment.

11. Details of safety related incidents, in the following format:

Safety Incident/Number	Category	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (per one million-person hours worked)	Employees	0.13	0.56
	Workers	8.5	38.4
Total recordable work-related injuries	Employees	0	2
	Workers	4	7
No. of fatalities	Employees	0	0
	Workers	0	0
High consequence work-related injury or ill-health (excluding fatalities)	Employees	0	1
	Workers	1	4

12. Describe the measures taken by the entity to ensure a safe and healthy work place.

The Company has made significant strides in improving its safety performance over time, underscoring its commitment to ensuring a secure work environment. The Company's flagship safety initiative, LIFE (Life Changing Injury and Fatality Elimination), follows a PDCA approach and encompasses 15 core safety standards, subject to regular review and updating as part of an annual sustainability program. Additionally, the Company conducts routine HAZOP (Hazard Operability) studies on critical chemical processes to verify the effectiveness of control measures against identified hazards. Furthermore, the Company maintains a rigorous internal plant safety inspection regimen to ensure the proper functioning of established systems.

All employees and contractors undergo mandatory training, including basic hazard recognition and control strategies, annual safety refresher courses, and safety training as per the training calendar for all designated target employees. Alongside the LIFE program, the Company remains committed to initiatives focusing on near-miss identification and reporting, basic hazard recognition skills, control strategy programs, and the implementation of a permit-to-work system. With these proactive measures in place, the Company is well-positioned to sustain a safe and healthy work environment for its employees and contractors.

13. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks
Working Conditions	No complaints received by Safety department during the year			No complaints received by Safety department during the year		
Health & Safety						

14. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Health and safety practices	100.00%
Working Conditions	100.00%

15. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway to address safety-related incidents (if any) and on significant risks / concerns arising from assessments of health & safety practices and working conditions.

The Company employs a systematic approach to managing safety-related incidents and mitigating significant risks associated with health, safety practices, and working conditions. The following measures are implemented:

Incident Investigation Process:

- Thorough incident investigations are conducted for all injuries and potential near misses as part of the LIFE program.
- Contributing factors and root causes are identified for each incident.

Corrective Actions:

- Tailored corrective actions are developed for each identified root cause of the incident.
- Compliance with corrective action plans is monitored and tracked to ensure effective implementation.

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. **Does the entity extend any life insurance or any compensatory package in the event of death of (A) Employees (Y/N) (B) Workers (Y/N).**

Yes, the Company offers compensation packages in case of death according to the long-term Agreement with workmen, ensuring coverage for workers. Furthermore, this benefit is also extended to employees, such as Group Personal Accident & Group Term Linked Insurance displaying the Company's dedication to providing support and care to its workforce.

2. **Provide the measures undertaken by the entity to ensure that statutory dues have been deducted and deposited by the value chain partners.**

The Company guarantees that all required statutory payments for its employees are promptly and completely deposited, employing regular audits and controls. The Company utilizes various systems to ensure adherence to legal obligations. Additionally, agreements with service providers outline specific statutory compliance requirements. As an extra precaution, internal controls, internal audit checklists, and scheduled internal audits are conducted to maintain balance and ensure compliance according to defined frequencies.

3. **Provide the number of employees / workers having suffered high consequence work- related injury / ill-health / fatalities (as reported in Q11 of Essential Indicators above), who have been are rehabilitated and placed in suitable employment or whose family members have been placed in suitable employment:**

	Total no. of affected employees/workers		No. of employees/workers that are rehabilitated and placed in suitable employment or whose family members have been placed in suitable employment	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Employees	0	0	0	0
Workers	1	0	1	0

4. **Does the entity provide transition assistance programs to facilitate continued employability and the management of career endings resulting from retirement or termination of employment? (Yes/ No)**

Yes, the Company provides transition assistance programs to facilitate continued employability and career endings resulting from retirement or termination of employment.

5. **Details on assessment of value chain partners:**

	% of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed
Health and safety practices	100%, Upon entering into agreements/contracts, value chain partners are required to sign the Supplier Code of Conduct. Through which they affirm and guarantee their adherence to conducting business with honesty and integrity, treating all individuals with dignity and respect, ensuring health and safety standards, providing optimal working conditions, supporting communities, and complying with all the laws and regulations of the countries in which they operate.
Working Conditions	

6. **Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from assessments of health and safety practices and working conditions of value chain partners.**

During the year, there are no significant risk / concerns arising from assessments of the value chain partners

PRINCIPLE 4 Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive to all its stakeholders

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Describe the processes for identifying key stakeholder groups of the entity.

The Company's network of stakeholders encompasses individuals and groups that exert influence on its operations. Stakeholders are identified according to the scope of activities and organizational requirements. Through stakeholder meetings, workshops, and similar events, we enhance dialogue and comprehension of significant societal, environmental, and regulatory concerns. This interaction fosters team skill development, encourages collaborative efforts, and cultivates trust and mutual respect. The engagement strategy acknowledges the distinctiveness of each stakeholder group and their specific priorities. Feedback and insights obtained from these engagements validate the Company's performance and contribute to evolving perspectives on challenges and opportunities.

2. List stakeholder groups identified as key for your entity and the frequency of engagement with each stakeholder group.

Stakeholder Group	Whether identified as Vulnerable & Marginalized Group (Yes/ No)	Channels of Communication (Email, SMS, Newspaper, Pamphlets, Advertisement, Community, Meetings, Notice Board, Website, Other)	Frequency of engagement (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly/ others – please specify)	Purpose and scope of engagement including key topics and concerns raised during such engagement
Farmers	Yes	Community meetings, others	Frequently	The Company engages with farmers, who form a part of the value chain directly or indirectly for training/ awareness on good agricultural practices, helping them grow safe, high-quality raw materials, and develop resilient, sustainable farms.
Distributors & traders, suppliers supply chain Partners Aggregators	No	Emails, SMS, Community Meetings, website, others	As and when required	The Company engages and receives cooperation and unstinted support from the distributors, retailers, stockist, suppliers and others associated with the Company.
Shareholders	No	Emails/Websites	Quarterly	Informing the shareholders about the performance indicators of the Company and update them on Company's strategies
Employees	No	Notices/Meetings	Continuous	Appraisals and feedback, career management, building a safety culture and inculcating safe work practices, on-the-job training
Local Communities	No	Through interactions, meetings	Before and after undertaking CSR initiatives	Understand areas which need support, implementation of CSR initiatives
Government Bodies & Regulators	No	Meetings	As and when required	Understand areas which need support, implementation of CSR programmes and also for compliance and adherence to laws and for new project initiatives
Industry Bodies	No	Conference, Seminars, Meetings	As and when required	For discussion on issues concerning paper industry

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. **Provide the processes for consultation between stakeholders and the Board on economic, environmental, and social topics or if consultation is delegated, how is feedback from such consultations provided to the Board.**

While drafting policy documents, the Company meticulously assesses the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders, adhering to industry-leading standards. Committed to corporate governance, the Company has enacted robust policies aimed at harmonizing stakeholder interests with its commercial prosperity. Pertinent details regarding key stakeholders are routinely communicated to the Company's Board of Directors. Through its committee reviews, the Board of Directors oversees and guides the Company's social responsibility commitments and other practices related to societal and sustainability endeavors.

2. **Whether stakeholder consultation is used to support the identification and management of environmental, and social topics (Yes / No). If so, provide details of instances as to how the inputs received from stakeholders on these topics were incorporated into policies and activities of the entity.**

The Company actively seeks feedback and recommendations from a diverse range of stakeholders. By engaging with these stakeholders, the Company can identify important issues and draw upon these insights to develop additional strategies, implement necessary policies, and set objectives and goals with a monitoring framework.

3. **Provide details of instances of engagement with, and actions taken to, address the concerns of vulnerable/marginalized stakeholder groups.**

The Company acknowledges the specific needs of vulnerable and marginalized stakeholders and is committed to addressing them through targeted Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. In response to community requests, the Company has installed RO water plants and provides treated drinking water free of cost to neighboring villages, thereby fulfilling the domestic water requirements of local residents.

The Company provides infrastructure support to government schools which lacks basic hygiene, furniture and class room facilities. The Company provides critical medical equipments for cancer care and neurological disorders to the government hospitals and primary health centers to enable them to serve the general public & the surrounding communities with basic healthcare.

As community development initiative, the Company undertakes construction of community halls for the less privileged sections of the society. The Company also provides tractors to nearby villages for solid waste management. The Company has undertaken conducting eye camps for treating eye conditions like refractive errors, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy at an early stage, allowing for timely intervention and awareness and health and hygiene to underserved communities, particularly in rural and remote areas where access to regular ophthalmic care is limited.

Further, the Company has developed water infrastructure, including the construction of water storage sumps and pipelines, to improve access to water in underserved areas. A dedicated Skill Development Centre has been established in a nearby village to enhance the employability of local youth through job-oriented training. Similar initiatives have been implemented to empower women, including the establishment of cluster tailoring centers. The Company provides infrastructure support to anganwadi workers to function effectively and serve the neighbour communities. The Company has undertaken constriction of a sump cum pump house to drain out excess water during rainy season which floods the entire neighbour community.

PRINCIPLE 5 Businesses should respect and promote human rights

ESSENTIALS INDICATORS

1. Employees and workers who have been provided training on human rights issues and policy(ies) of the entity, in the following format:

Category	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Total (A)	No. of employees/workers covered (B)	% (B/A)	Total (C)	No. of employees/workers covered (D)	% (D/C)
Employees						
Permanent	838	391	46.66	841	391	46.49
Other than permanent	17	0	0	17	0	0.00
Total Employees	855	391	45.73	858	391	45.57
Workers						
Permanent	1,131	523	46.24	1,150	523	45.48
Other than permanent	3,951	1,287	32.57	2,844	1,287	45.25
Total Workers	5,082	1,810	35.62	3,994	1,810	45.32

2. Details of minimum wages paid to employees and workers, in the following format:

Category	FY 2024-25					2023-24				
	Total (A)	Equal to Minimum Wage		More than Minimum Wage		Total (D)	Equal to Minimum Wage		More than Minimum Wage	
		No. (B)	% (B/A)	No. (C)	% (C/A)		No. (E)	% (E/D)	No. (F)	% (F/D)
Employees										
Permanent	838	0	0	838	100	841	0	0.00	841	100.00
Male	821		0	821	100	825	0	0.00	825	100.00
Female	17		0	17	100	16	0	0.00	16	100.00
Other than Permanent	17	0	0	0	0	17	0	0.00	17	100.00
Male	17	0	0		0	17	0	0.00	17	100.00
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Workers										
Permanent	1,131	0	0	1,131	100	1,150	0	0.00	1,150	100.00
Male	1,128		0	1,128	100	1,147	0	0.00	1,147	100.00
Female	3		0	3	100	3	0	0.00	3	100.00
Other than Permanent	3,951	1,134	28.70	2,806	71.02	2,844	0	0.00	2,844	100.00
Male	3,840	1,107	28.83	2,733	71.17	2,733	0	0.00	2,733	100.00
Female	111	27	24.32	73	65.77	111	0	0.00	111	100.00

3. Details of remuneration/salary/wages, in the following format:

a. Median remuneration/wages:

	Male		Female	
	Number	Median remuneration/ Salary/ Wages of respective category (INR per Year)	Number	Median remuneration/ Salary/ Wages of respective category (INR per Year)
Board of Directors (BoD)*	3	4,53,25,223.00	0	Nil
Board of Directors (BoD)**	8	2,62,500.00	1	2,25,000.00
Key Managerial Personnel\$	4	4,53,25,223.00	0	Nil
Employees other than BoD and KMP	818	6,86,467.44	17	6,87,867.18
Workers	1128	5,01,181.73	3	4,83,905.76

*These Board of Directors consists of executive directors, one of them re-designated to non-executive director w.e.f., November 5, 2024

**These Board of Directors consist of non-executive and independent directors. It consists of sitting fees only

\$ Chairman & Managing Director and CFO did not draw any remuneration.

b. Gross wages paid to females as % of total wages paid by the entity, in the following format:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Gross wages paid to females as % of total wages	0.99	0.84

4. Do you have a focal point (Individual/ Committee) responsible for addressing human rights impacts or issues caused or contributed to by the business? (Yes/No)

Yes, the Company has established several policies and protocols to ensure a just and equitable workplace environment. These encompass the presence of a committee dedicated to addressing workplace conditions and a structured grievance resolution process. Furthermore, the Company has articulated policies concerning freedom of association and collective bargaining, grievance redressal, non-discrimination, women's protection and the prevention of child and forced labour.

Moreover, the Company extends statutory benefits and leaves, alongside wage agreements that encompass various facets of human rights, such as ensuring safe and hygienic working conditions, protection against unjust terms, adherence to minimum wage laws, equitable pay for comparable work, and regulation of working hours. Employees are also empowered with the right to voice grievances or strike against unjust working conditions and are shielded from instances of sexual harassment.

5. Describe the internal mechanisms in place to redress grievances related to human rights issues.

The Company has adopted a Human Rights Policy to uphold and safeguard human rights, complemented by a range of other equitable and transparent policies across different domains including recruitment, compensation, gender equality and performance management. The Company has also established a POSH committee to handle gender-related grievances, alongside a grievance redressal policy and a dedicated committee to address workplace issues. These policies collectively ensure equitable treatment for all employees and foster a safe and healthy work environment, devoid of discrimination or harassment.

6. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

	FY 2024-25			FY 2023-24		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks
Sexual harassment	NIL	NIL		NIL	NIL	
Discrimination at workplace						
Child Labour						
Forced Labour/ Involuntary Labour						
Wages						
Other Human Rights related issues						

7. Complaints filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, in the following format:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Total Complaints reported under Sexual Harassment on of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH)	NIL	NIL
Complaints on POSH as a % of female employees / workers	0.00	0.00
Complaints on POSH upheld	NIL	NIL

8. Mechanisms to prevent adverse consequences to the complainant in discrimination and harassment cases.

The Company has formed a Grievance Redressal Committee led by senior management. If an employee finds it difficult to address a grievance with their immediate supervisor or department head, they can approach the HR Department or IR Department, depending on the nature of the issue. The Grievance Redressal Committee comprises the Executive Director, Head of Operations, Head of Human Resources, Head of IR, and Head of Legal & Compliance. Employees also have the option to submit their grievances via email to grievance@andhrapaper.com, which is overseen directly by the Executive Director.

9. Do human rights requirements form part of your business agreements and contracts?

Yes, the Company incorporates appropriate provisions within the contracts established with both suppliers and buyers of its products and services prior to engaging in business transactions with them.

10. Assessments for the year:

	% of your plants and Offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Child Labour	100%
Forced/involuntary labour	During the reported year the Company conducted internal evaluations through its HR and IR departments, in addition to compliance reviews by the Internal Auditor/ISO Auditor
Sexual Harassment	
Discrimination at workplace	
Wages	

11. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from the assessments at Question 10 above.

Not Applicable

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS**1. Details of a business process being modified / introduced as a result of addressing human rights grievances/complaints**

During the reporting year, the Company did not receive any human rights grievances/complaints, which suggests that the Company's business operations and workplace procedures are structured to uphold human rights standards

2. Details of the scope and coverage of any Human rights due-diligence conducted.

The Company does not undergo any specific due diligence conducted by specialized agencies. Nonetheless, regulatory authorities monitor all of its business activities and licenses, ensuring compliance with relevant laws set forth by local, state, central, and other statutory bodies or agencies, which encompass various human rights aspects. Additionally, the Internal Auditor/ ISO Auditor conducts annual reviews to assess the Company's compliance.

3. Is the premise/office of the entity accessible to differently abled visitors, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016?

In its commitment to creating an improved and more inclusive work environment for all its employees, the Company's establishments and offices are designed to be accessible to employees with disabilities. Additionally, management consistently endeavors to enhance infrastructure to remove barriers to accessibility.

4. Details on assessment of value chain partners:

	% of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed
Sexual Harassment	100% workers/farmers in farm forestry programme and 100% contract workers.
Discrimination at workplace	
Child Labour	
Forced Labour / Involuntary Labour	
Wages	

5. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from the assessments at Question 4 above.

There were no significant risks/concerns arising from the above assessments.

PRINCIPLE 6 Businesses should respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment**ESSENTIAL INDICATORS****1. Details of total energy consumption (in Joules or multiples) and energy intensity, in the following format:**

Parameter	FY 2024-25 (In Gigajoules)	FY 2023-24 (In Gigajoules)
From renewable sources		
Total electricity consumption (A)	6,15,650.36	7,39,436.19
Total fuel consumption (B)	0.00	0.00
Energy consumption through other sources (C)	0.00	0.00
Total Energy consumption from renewable sources (A+B+C)	6,15,650.36	7,39,436.19
From non-renewable sources		
Total electricity consumption (D)	4,61,664.78	5,14,404.14
Total fuel consumption (E)*	15,47,915.20	16,60,757.99
Energy consumption through other sources (F)	0.00	0.00
Total Energy consumption from non-renewable sources (D+E+F)	20,09,579.98	21,75,162.13
Total energy consumed (A+B+C+D+E+F)	26,25,230.34	29,14,598.32

Parameter	FY 2024-25 (In Gigajoules)	FY 2023-24 (In Gigajoules)
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover (Total energy consumption/ Revenue from Operations) - GJ/Rs	0.0001703	0.0001619
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total energy consumed / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP) - GJ/Rs	0.00003516	0.03341
Energy intensity in terms of physical output – GJ/MT	11.22	12.36
Energy intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	0.00	0.00

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

There hasn't been an external review assessment/ evaluation/assurance conducted. In house metering and tracking is established.

2. Does the entity have any sites / facilities identified as designated consumers (DCs) under the Performance, Achieve and Trade (PAT) Scheme of the Government of India? (Y/N) If yes, disclose whether targets set under the PAT scheme have been achieved. In case targets have not been achieved, provide the remedial action taken, if any

Yes, the Company falls under the purview of the Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) program, which aims to enhance energy efficiency in industries. Andhra Paper Ltd. successfully achieved the targets set for Cycle I of this program, demonstrating its dedication to conserving and efficiently using energy. However, the Company faced challenges in meeting the targets for Cycle II. For the financial year 2024-25, the company falls under PAT Cycle VII. The Andhra Paper appointed authorized 3rd party for "Monitoring & Verification" audit for status of PAT Cycle VII targets and will be conducted. To ensure compliance with the program and meet its requirements, the Company has taken proactive steps and obtained the necessary certifications. This reaffirms the Company's commitment to sustainability and its efforts to improve energy efficiency in alignment with the PAT program's goals.

3. Provide details of the following disclosures related to water, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Water withdrawal by source (in kilolitres)		
(i) Surface water	1,24,11,900.00	1,29,74,868.68
(ii) Groundwater	2,45,201.00	2,60,603.00
(iii) Third party water	0.00	0.00
(iv) Seawater / desalinated water	0.00	0.00
(v) Others	0.00	0.00
Total volume of water withdrawal (in kilolitres) (i + ii + iii + iv + v)	1,26,57,101.00	1,32,35,471.68
Total volume of water consumption (in kilolitres)	36,23,296.00	29,42,393.68
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (Water consumed / Revenue from operations) – KL/Rs	0.0002351	0.00016
Water Intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total water consumption / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP) – KL/Rs	0.00004854	0.00366
Water intensity in terms of physical output – KL/MT	15.49	12.48104

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

There hasn't been an external assessment/ evaluation/assurance on water consumption. The local irrigation department officials monthly take metre readings for billing purpose. In house metering is in place to assess the water quantities and wastewater discharges. Quality is being tested internally in our laboratories.

4. Provide the following details related to water discharged

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Water discharge by destination and level of treatment (in kilolitres)		
(i) To Surface water	93,75,501.00	96,85,172.00
- No treatment	0.00	0.00
- With treatment	93,75,501.00	96,85,172.00
(ii) To Groundwater	0.00	0.00
- No treatment	0.00	0.00
- With treatment	0.00	0.00
(iii) To Seawater	0.00	0.00
- No treatment	0.00	0.00
- With treatment	0.00	0.00
(iv) Sent to third-parties	0.00	0.00
- No treatment	0.00	0.00
- With treatment	0.00	0.00
(v) Others:	6,33,204.00	6,07,906.00
Kadiyam – treated Water is used for irrigation by farmers		
Rajahmundry - Town Ship Sewage after treatment to public sewer		
- No treatment	0.00	0.00
- With treatment	6,33,204.00	6,07,906.00
Total water discharged (in kilolitres)	1,00,08,705.00	1,02,93,078.00

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

There hasn't been an external assessment/ evaluation/assurance on waste water generation. In house metering is in place to assess the water quantities and wastewater discharges. Quality is being tested internally in our laboratories. Additionally the state pollution control Board monitors online 24x7 the quality of waste water discharge

5. Has the entity implemented a mechanism for Zero Liquid Discharge? If yes, provide details of its coverage and implementation.

Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) feasibility in Wood and Agro based Pulp and Paper Mills was done by CPPRI on request of Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) in the month of July, 2022. The CPPRI's Report dated 20.07.2022 concludes that, ZLD is not feasible for integrated Pulp and Paper manufacturing mills. The CPCB also carried out a ZLD feasibility study in January, 2015 and concluded that Zero Liquid Discharge is techno-economically, not feasible for most mill categories. However, with other bio-fuels ZLD for Black liquor at the plant by segregation, Forced Multi Effect Evaporation and concentrated liquor to recovery boiler to generate Process steam and Captive power generation. This Black Liquor ZLD contributes to about 72.1% of the power demand for the mill operations. Remaining wastewaters are being treated in Effluent Treatment Plant and treated wastewater is being discharged to Turupulanka Sand Shoals as per SPCB consent permission. Part of treated water is being reused for inhouse gardens and floor washings.

6. Please provide details of air emissions (other than GHG emissions) by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	Please specify unit	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
NOx*		Not Applicable	0.00
SOx*		Not Applicable	0.00
Particulate matter (PM) [#]	Kg	97,813.01	1,34,959.42
Persistent organic pollutants (POP)		Not Applicable	0.00
Volatile organic compounds (VOC)		Not Applicable	0.00
Hazardous air pollutants (HAP)		Not Applicable	0.00
Others – H2S	Kg	1672.42	1,839.00

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Yes, the Company has implemented self-driven online real-time monitoring systems and real time data is being connected to SPCB / CPCB website. Conducts sampling and testing once a month through third-party NABL and MOEFCC approved laboratories.

7. Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) & its intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	Unit	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Total Scope 1 emissions* (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	9,01,757.28	7,34,040.08
Total Scope 2 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	21,850.00	2,46,588.42
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions per rupee of turnover (Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions / Revenue from operations)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent/ Rupees	0.00005991	0.000054
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent/ Rupees	0.00012372	0.001220
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions intensity in terms of physical output	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent/ MT	3.95	1.045979
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	Nil	0.00	0.00

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No, the Company conducts self-driven monitoring, calculation, and tracking without external party assessment.

8. Does the entity have any project related to reducing Green House Gas emission? If yes, then provide details.

The Company has aimed at reducing its Green House Gas emission with the following projects:

1. Various biofuels such as ETP sludge, wood bark, chip dust and knots are utilized in coal-fired boilers to partially substitute fossil fuels.

2. Our Recovery Boiler exclusively operates on 100% biofuel, specifically black liquor derived from the pulp mill process to generate steam for process usage and also generates 65-68% power to cater the needs of manufacturing operations.
3. The CO₂ emission which is called GHG of 10,239 TPA from the stack of the Rotary Lime Kiln are repurposed to produce Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (PCC), a crucial filler in the papermaking process.
4. The Company has implemented a significant farm forestry program where, in FY 2024-25 – 213 Lakhs clones and 946 Lakhs seedlings were distributed to cover 37,139 acres.

9. Provide details related to waste management by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Total Waste generated (in metric tonnes)		
Plastic waste (A)	3,051.56	5,593.25
E-waste (B)	13.17	13.18
Bio-medical waste (C)	0.03	0.06
Construction and demolition waste (D)	5047.00	99.00
Battery waste (E)	12.04	0.00
Radioactive waste (F)	0.00	0.00
Other Hazardous waste. (G)	55,218.01	62,134.69
ETP Sludge	49,075.53	56,289.57
Used Lubricating oil	15.42	1.40
Empty Barrels	116.06	184.71
Cleaning of tanks	16.82	30.39
Oil Sludge	0.00	0.00
Spent Ion Exchange Resin	1.65	1.30
Discarded Asbestos	27.62	9.88
Oil Contaminated Cotton	16.16	6.69
Waste Lime Cake	5,916.64	5,583.74
Discarded activated Alumina	5.52	21.29
Discarded Glass Wool	26.58	5.72
Discarded PPE	0.01	0.00
Other Non-hazardous waste generated (H).	1,45,649.56	1,51,148.51
Waste Lime Sludge + Slaker Stone	3,875.26	14,072.19
PVC/HDPE & Polythene Scrap	96.36	95.16
Chip dust	14,464.52	17,180.79
Wood Bark	24,523.18	18,114.62
Waste wood & logs	40.00	70.00
Knots from pulp mill	831	679.00
ESP Ash	1,376.42	2,453.50
Coal ash	97,247.83	97,392.89
Paper Cuttings waste kraft	641.55	420.05
Metal Waste (Ferrous & non Ferrous)	2,120.28	612.50
Discarded Machine clothing	4.70	25.42
Discarded Packing Wooden	130.10	26.88
Scrap Electrical & electronic	298.36	0.00
Waste Oil	0.00	5.51
Total (A+B + C + D + E + F + G + H)	2,08,991.36	2,18,988.68

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Waste intensity per rupee of turnover (Total waste generated / Revenue from operations) - MT/Rs	0.00001356	0.000012
Waste intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total waste generated / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP) - MT/Rs	0.00002799	0.000272
Waste intensity in terms of physical output - MT/MT	0.8936	0.928906
Waste intensity (optional) - the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	0.00	0.00
For each category of waste generated, total waste recovered through recycling, re-using or other recovery operations (in metric tonnes)		
Category of waste – All Waste		
(i) Recycled	1,65,377.32	1,576.35
(ii) Re-used	43,559.83	1,32,897.88
(iii) Other recovery operations	0.00	0.00
Total	2,08,937.15	1,34,474.23
For each category of waste generated, total waste disposed by nature of disposal method (in metric tonnes)		
Category of waste – All Waste		
(i) Incineration	0.00	0.00
(ii) Landfilling	48.99	15.60
(iii) Other disposal operations – Sent to third Party for Disposal	5.21	84,423.34
Total	54.20	84,438.94

There was no disposal of radioactive waste in the FY 2024-25. However, three no's of nucleonic devices awaiting for disposal and are stored as per approved regulations.

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

No, the Company has established a self-assessment, monitoring, and tracking system. Hazardous wastes are managed according to regulations through a transport manifest system as per SPCB consent methodology.

10. Briefly describe the waste management practices adopted in your establishments. Describe the strategy adopted by your Company to reduce usage of hazardous and toxic chemicals in your products and processes and the practices adopted to manage such wastes

The Company has established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the management of Hazardous & Non-Hazardous wastes, E-Waste, Batteries Waste and Bio-Medical Waste, ensuring consistent implementation and compliance across various sections. Regular annual training sessions are organized for all employees involved in waste-handling activities. Waste segregation, collection, storage, and disposal procedures strictly adhere to the conditions outlined in the Hazardous Waste Authorization issued by the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). Additionally, the Company submits annual returns to the SPCB as required by regulations. All waste materials are securely stored under concrete platforms with sheds for minimizing any potential impact on the environment and human health. Furthermore, Transport Emergency Cards (TREM CARDS) are available for applicable waste materials, ensuring preparedness for transportation emergencies.

11. If the entity has operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.) where environmental approvals / clearances are required, please specify details in the following format:

S. No.	Location of operations/offices	Types of operations	Whether the conditions of environmental approval / clearance are being complied with? (Y/N) If no, the reasons thereof and corrective action taken, if any.
Not Applicable			

12. Details of environmental impact assessments of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year:

Name and brief details of project	EIA Notification No.	Date	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes / No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes / No)	Relevant Web link
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Not Applicable

13. Is the entity compliant with the applicable environmental law/ regulations/ guidelines in India; such as the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, and Environment protection act and rules thereunder (Y/N). If not, provide details of all such non-compliances, in the following format:

Serial Number	Specify the law / regulation / guidelines which was not complied with	Provide details of the non-compliance	Any fines / penalties / action taken by regulatory agencies such as pollution control boards or by courts	Corrective taken, if any action
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Yes, the Company adheres to all relevant environmental laws and regulations.

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in areas of water stress (in kilolitres):

For each facility / plant located in areas of water stress, provide the following information:

- (i) Name of the area - Not Applicable
- (ii) Nature of operations – Not Applicable
- (iii) Water withdrawal, consumption and discharge in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Water withdrawal by source (in kilolitres)		
(i) Surface water	-	-
(ii) Groundwater	-	-
(iii) Third party water	-	-
(iv) Seawater / desalinated water	-	-
(v) Others	-	-
Total volume of water withdrawal (in kilolitres)	-	-
Total volume of water consumption (in kilolitres)	-	-
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (<i>Water consumed / Revenue from operations</i>) - KL/Rs	-	-
Water intensity (<i>optional</i>) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	-	-
Water discharge by destination and level of treatment (in kilolitres)		
(i) Into Surface water	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment	-	-
(ii) Into Groundwater	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment	-	-

Parameter	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
(iii) Into Seawater	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment	-	-
(iv) Sent to third-parties	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment	-	-
(v) Others - Town Ship Sewage after treatment to public sewer	-	-
- No treatment	-	-
- With treatment	-	-
Total water discharged (in kilolitres)	-	-

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

Not Applicable

2. Please provide details of total Scope 3 emissions & its intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	Unit	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Total Scope 3 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	Not tracked Scope 3 GHG emissions	
Total Scope 3 emissions per rupee of turnover	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ Equivalent/ Rupees		
Total Scope 3 emission intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity			

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency.

There hasn't been an external review or analysis conducted to assess various aspects of our operations, performance, or compliance with standards or regulations.

3. With respect to the ecologically sensitive areas reported at Question 11 of Essential Indicators above, provide details of significant direct & indirect impact of the entity on biodiversity in such areas along-with prevention and remediation activities.

Not Applicable there is no ecologically sensitive areas around Rajahmundry and Kadiyam mills.

4. If the entity has undertaken any specific initiatives or used innovative technology or solutions to improve resource efficiency, or reduce impact due to emissions / effluent discharge / waste generated, please provide details of the same as well as outcome of such initiatives, as per the following format:

Sr. No.	Initiative undertaken	Details of the initiative (Web-link, if any, may be provided along-with summary)	Outcome of the initiative
1	Natural Resource conservation	Paper machine no.5 roll cooling water diverted to Vacuum pit to conserve instead drainage. In Paper Machines no. 1-5, Air compressor cooling water diverted to Paper Machine no. 5 Vacuum system to conserve. 13804 M3 of various reject waters from the processes are recycled into manufacturing operations to save water and reduce wastewater discharge.	As a result of water conservation efforts, the specific water consumption per ton of product is 48.0 M3 for the financial year 2024-25, whereas in the financial year 2023-24 it is at 53.5 M3. The corresponding wastewater discharge is 42 M3 in the year 2024-25 and 45 M3 in the year 2023-24.
2	Resources Conservation	Installation of Twin Roll Press in pulp operations leads to reduction of chemical consumption in Bleaching.	Sulphuric acid consumption reduced from 21.9 Kg per ton of bleached pulp in FY 2023-24 to 17.82 in FYB – 2024-25.
3	Sustaining Effluent Treatment Operations	To improve Dissolved Oxygen Jet Aerators installed along with modernization of Cooling tower. Aeration feed pump was provided with VFD to maintain consistent flow rates to reduce sudden shock loads. Liquid Oxygen supply provision made ready and commissioned in Aeration tank to meet emergencies.	Dissolved oxygen achieved at > 2.0 mg/ltr. and overall ETP performance is improved in terms of COD/BOD reduction.
4	Ambient air quality Monitoring	Additional 4 th Ambient Air quality monitoring station installed to add to existing 3 no's of stations.	The Company now has enhanced capabilities to monitor and control ambient air quality, further underscoring its commitment to environmental stewardship and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards
5	Improve Reliability of Recovery Boiler air pollution control equipment & recovery of useful chemicals.	Installed Ash Leaching system in order control high corrosive constituents of calcium and potassium into environment and to recover chemicals.	Ash leaching helps minimize the release of harmful substances like chlorides and potassium into the environment, reducing corrosion and fouling in boilers, EPSs and associated equipment. Recovery of valuable materials like sodium and sulfate from the ash is achieved thereby potentially reducing the need for raw materials and minimizing waste.

5. Does the entity have a business continuity and disaster management plan? Give details in 100 words/ web link.

The Company has established a thorough Safety Management Systems with team of Safety professionals available 24/7 to support operations. The company has certified ISO 45001 (Occupational Health & Safety Management System). Onsite Emergency Plan is in place and periodical Mock drills are being conducted at department wise to bring more awareness and to mitigate any Emergencies. Process Safety Management system with Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment for each hazardous operations are in place and are adhered. Impart Safety Trainings to all employees of the company is well maintained and tracked to bring expertise in safe operations. Off-Site Emergency Plan is prepared by Local District Administration as cluster based and is under control of District Collector. Standard Operating Procedure are in place for safe operations of various manufacturing processes. All these measures to handle effectively any potential disasters or emergencies. To maintain uninterrupted business operations, the Company has implemented various systems and mechanisms as explained above. The supply chain network is designed to source core and non-core operations from trusted suppliers, ensuring smooth operations

and minimizing potential disruptions. Environmental requirements are met and complied as per regulatory agencies directions / permits / rules from time to time.

6. Disclose any significant adverse impact to the environment, arising from the value chain of the entity. What mitigation or adaptation measures have been taken by the entity in this regard?

The Company has established a Controlled Wood Policy, Sustainable Policy, and Supplier Code of Conduct, all of which emphasize a strong commitment to fair treatment, human rights, good labour practices, environmental conservation, health, and safety. These policies are communicated to and acknowledged by all partners and service providers in the supply chain.

7. Percentage of value chain partners (by value of business done with such partners) that were assessed for environmental impacts.

Wood suppliers, 100% of them, are covered under FSC® audits, as mentioned earlier. Suppliers for other materials have not been formally assessed by the Company for environmental impacts but environmental compliance requirements are communicated during issuing orders.

8. How many Green Credits have been generated or procured:

a. By the listed entity: Nil

b. By the top ten (in terms of value of purchases and sales, respectively) value chain partners”: Nil

PRINCIPLE 7 Businesses, when engaging in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a manner that is responsible and transparent

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1.

a) Number of affiliations with trade and industry chambers/ associations.

The Company is a part of 6 industry Chambers/Associations

b) List the top 10 trade and industry chambers/ associations (determined based on the total members of such body) the entity is a member of/ affiliated to.

S. No	Name of the trade and industry chambers/ associations	Reach of trade and industry chambers/ associations (State/ National)
1	Confederation of Indian Industry	National
2	The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry	State
3	The Federation of Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	State
4	Indian Paper Manufacturers Association	National
5	Federation of Indian Export Organizations	National
6	Bharat Chamber of Commerce	National

2. Provide details of corrective action taken or underway on any issues related to anticompetitive conduct by the entity, based on adverse orders from regulatory authorities

Name of authority	Brief of the case	Corrective active taken
Competition Commission of India	Allegation, levelled against large paper manufacturers in India (including the Company) of simultaneous price increases during the period January 2012 - December 2013, is currently under evaluation by the Competition Commission of India	

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS**1. Details of public policy positions advocated by the entity:**

Sr. No	Public policy advocated	Method resorted for such advocacy	Whether information available in public domain? (Yes/No)	Frequency of Review by Board (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly / Others – please specify)	Web Link, If available
	The Company has laid down a policy framework for necessary interface with Government & Regulatory Authorities on various matters concerning the business sector in which the Company operates. The matters taken up are in line with national priorities to strengthen the domestic industry, promoting sustainable business practices.	The Company works with local & national institutions engaged in policy recommendations, like the Confederation of Indian Industry, Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Indian Paper Manufacturers Association & and other forums. The engagement with the relevant authorities is guided by values of commitment, Mutual trust, integrity, transparency taking into consideration interests of all stakeholders.	No	Review by Top Management	N/A

PRINCIPLE 8 Businesses should promote inclusive growth and equitable development**ESSENTIAL INDICATORS****1. Details of Social Impact Assessments (SIA) of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year.**

Name and Brief details of project	SIA Notification No.	Date of notification	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/No)	Relevant Web Link
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Not Applicable

2. Provide information on project(s) for which ongoing Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) is being undertaken by your entity, in the following format:

S. No	Name of Project for which R&R is ongoing	State	District	No. of Project Affected Families (PAFs)	% of PAFs covered by R&R	Amounts paid to PAFs in the FY (in INR)
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Not Applicable

3. Describe the mechanisms to receive and redress grievances of the community.

The Company demonstrates its commitment to a robust and responsive mechanism for addressing community grievances through its well-structured CSR initiatives. The CSR team maintains active engagement with neighboring villages and government authorities to collect feedback on the effectiveness of the Company's ESG interventions and to identify areas requiring additional support. These insights are systematically incorporated into the design and planning of CSR programs, which are subsequently reviewed and approved by the CSR Committee and the Board of Directors.

4. Percentage of input material (inputs to total inputs by value) sourced from suppliers:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Directly sourced from MSMEs/ small producers	40	51
Sourced directly from within India	87	93

5. Job creation in smaller towns – Disclose wages paid to persons employed (including employees or workers employed on a permanent or non-permanent / on contract basis) in the following locations, as % of total wage cost

Location	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Rural	2.08	0.00
Semi-Urban	56.04	22.08
Urban	37.82	73.97
Metropolitan	4.06	3.95

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Provide details of actions taken to mitigate any negative social impacts identified in the Social Impact Assessments (Reference: Question 1 of Essential Indicators above):

Details of negative social impact identified	Corrective action taken
Not Applicable	

2. Provide the following information on CSR projects undertaken by your entity in designated aspirational districts as identified by government bodies:

S. No	State	Aspirational District	Amount spent (In INR)
Not Applicable			

3. (a) Do you have a preferential procurement policy where you give preference to purchase from suppliers comprising marginalized /vulnerable groups? (Yes/No)

No, The Company does not currently have a preferential procurement policy.

(b) From which marginalized /vulnerable groups do you procure?

Wood is 100% purchased from the local farmers who constitute marginalised groups. Other purchases are basis market competitive rates.

(c) What percentage of total procurement (by value) does it constitute?

N.A

4. Details of the benefits derived and shared from the intellectual properties owned or acquired by your entity (in the current financial year), based on traditional knowledge:

S.No	Intellectual Property based on traditional knowledge	Owned/ Acquired (Yes/No)	Benefit shared (Yes / No)	Basis of calculating benefit share
Not Applicable				

5. Details of corrective actions taken or underway, based on any adverse order in intellectual property related disputes wherein usage of traditional knowledge is involved.

Name of authority	Brief of the case	Corrective Action taken
Not Applicable		

6. Details of beneficiaries of CSR Projects:

S. No	CSR Project	No. of persons benefitted from CSR projects	% of beneficiaries from vulnerable and marginalized groups
1	Infrastructure facilities to DIET Govt. College, Bomuru, Rajahmundry Rural	200	100%
2	Construction of compound wall at MPP School, Kondaguntur, Rajanagaram Mandal	100	100%
3	Providing infrastructure facilities to MPP School, Kesavaram, Mandapeta Mandalam	100	100%
4	Providing infrastructure facilities to Pyaridevi Taparia Senior Secondary High School	500	100%
5	Providing infrastructure facilities to ZP High School, Rajavolu, Rajanagaram	228	100%
6	Providing infrastrucuture facilities to Vijay Sankara Govt. School for Music & dance, Rajahmundry	500	100%
7	Supply of furniture to Andhra Kesari Degree College, J N Road, Rajahmundry	300	100%
8	Merit scholarship - Rajahmundry & Kadiam -	120	100%
9	Infrastructure facilities to MPP Schools at Kadiam Mandal	4100	100%
10	Providing infrastructure facilities to Municipal High School, Anand Nagar, Rajahmundry	1000	100%
11	Infra Support to BC Hostels Boys & Girls in RJY & Surrounding places	2000	100%
12	Infrastructure facilities to APPM Model (EM) High School, Rajamahendravaram	1400	100%
13	Providing Infrastructural facilities to Community Health Centre, Kadiyam, Kadiyam Mandal	300	100%
14	Supply of treated water to Kondagunturu, Rajanagaram Mandal	100	100%
15	Infrastructure facilities at Kadiyapusavaram, Kadiam	4900	100%
16	Infrastructure facilities at Chaitanya Ngr, MR Palem	1000	100%
17	Supply of furniture to Community Health Centre, Dowleswaram- RJY Rural	200	100%
18	RO plant, Venkatnagaram, RJY Rural	3000	100%
19	Helmets to District Court, Rajahmundry	200	100%
20	Supply of food to flood effected people	1100	100%
21	Supply of medical equipment to Government Teaching General Hospital (GTGH), Rajahmundry	1000	100%
22	Skill Development Centre and other facilities at Kadiam Mandal	5000	100%
23	Providing infrastructure facilities at Kadiam Mandal	5000	100%
24	District Women & Child Welfare Department and Anganwadi Centres East Godavari	11,000	100%
25	Infrastructure support to Katheru Village - RJY Rural	2,000	100%
26	Supply of vehicles to Katheru Panchayat	1,000	100%
27	Tailoring Centres for skill development at Rajahmundry, Kadiyam and Punyakshetram	200	100%
28	Infrastructure facilities at Punyaksetram, Rajanagaram	60	100%
29	Swachhata HI Sewa at Godavari Area	5000	100%

S. No	CSR Project	No. of persons benefitted from CSR projects	% of beneficiaries from vulnerable and marginalized groups
30	Construction of sump cum pumphouse with required pump sets at Kotilingalapeta tank in 41 st Division in Rajahmundry	5,000	100%
31	Providing pumping main from Kotilingalapet tank to Ambedkar statue at 10 MLD road in 41 st Division in Rajahmundry	5,000	100%
32	Construction of public toilets, Vehicle Parking Shed and Visitors room/ Waiting hall for public with infrastructure facilities at Revenue Divisional Office, Rajahmundry	5,000	100%
33	Public facilities at Rajahmundry & Kadiam Police stations	1000	100%

PRINCIPLE 9 Businesses should engage with and provide value to their consumers in a responsible manner

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Describe the mechanisms in place to receive and respond to consumer complaints and feedback.

The Company provides the customers with Customer Quality Complaint Forms to lodge any complaints, which are managed through a manual process utilizing the Customer Quality Complaint Format (CQCF). Furthermore, customers can also address product-related grievances through the Company website at <https://andhrapaper.com/enquiries-product-query-page/>

2. Turnover of products and/ services as a percentage of turnover from all products/service that carry information about:

	As a percentage to total turnover
Environmental and social parameters relevant to the product	30%
Safe and responsible usage	Not Applicable
Recycling and/or safe disposal	Not Applicable

3. Number of consumer complaints in respect of the following:

	FY 2024-25		Remarks	FY 2023-24		Remarks
	Received during the Year	Pending resolution at end of year		Received during the Year	Pending resolution at end of year	
Data Privacy	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Advertising	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Cyber-security	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Delivery of essential services	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Restrictive Trade Practices	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Unfair Trade Practices	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Other - Customer	57	7	Under resolution	89	0	All complaints closed.
Total	57	7	Under resolution	89	0	All complaints closed.

4. Details of instances of product recalls on account of safety issues:

	Number	Reasons for recall
Voluntary recalls	0	0
Forced recalls	0	0

5. Does the entity have a framework/ policy on cyber security and risks related to data privacy? (Yes/No) If available, provide a web-link of the policy

Yes, The Company has developed a comprehensive and robust Information Security Policy, supported by detailed procedures, to effectively address cyber threats and ensure the protection of data privacy. This internally established policy is readily accessible to all employees and forms an integral part of the Company's operational framework. Furthermore, the Company ensures that data privacy obligations are embedded in all contractual agreements with third-party partners, reinforcing its commitment to maintaining high standards of information security across its operations.

The policy can be accessible at:

<http://aplnet.appm.com/IT%20Policies/Policy%20on%20Information%20Security%20Policy%20and%20Procedure.pdf>

6. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway on issues relating to advertising, and delivery of essential services; cyber security and data privacy of customers; re-occurrence of instances of product recalls; penalty / action taken by regulatory authorities on safety of products / services.

Not Applicable.

7. Provide the following information relating to data breaches:**a. Number of instances of data breaches**

NIL, there have not been any such instances during the reporting period

b. Percentage of data breaches involving personally identifiable information of customers

NIL, there have not been any such instances during the reporting period

c. Impact, if any, of the data breaches

Not Applicable

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS**1. Channels / platforms where information on products and services of the entity can be accessed (provide web link, if available).**

Details regarding the Company's products are available on the website of the Company, accessible at www.andhrapaper.com

2. Steps taken to inform and educate consumers about safe and responsible usage of products and/or services.

The Company conducts various initiatives to educate and inform distributors, customers, and other stakeholders about the safe and responsible use of its products. These initiatives encompass distributor interactions, road shows, technical meetings, and visits to the mill. Through organizing these events, the Company underscores its dedication to spreading awareness and advocating for the responsible utilization of its offerings.

3. Mechanisms in place to inform consumers of any risk of disruption/discontinuation of essential services.

The Company has adopted both formal and informal channels, including the Company website and stock exchanges, as well as through distributors and dealers.

4. Does the entity display product information on the product over and above what is mandated as per local laws? (Yes/No/Not Applicable) If yes, provide details in brief. Did your entity carry out any survey with regard to consumer satisfaction relating to the major products / services of the entity, significant locations of operation of the entity or the entity as a whole? (Yes/No)

Yes, The Company provides website details for consumers to learn more about its activities. Additionally, it conducts an Annual Meet for all dealers and distributors, during which valuable feedback on its products is gathered. These initiatives reflect the Company's commitment to transparency and engagement with its stakeholders.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of **Andhra Paper Limited**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Andhra Paper Limited ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2025, and the Statement of Profit and Loss, including Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Act read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended ("Ind AS") and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2025, and profit, total comprehensive income, changes in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the

financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Recognition, Measurement and Presentation of provisions and contingent liabilities (Refer Note 2C (e), 21, 22 and 32A in the financial statements for the related disclosures):

The Company has ongoing litigations with various regulatory authorities and third parties. Where an outflow of funds is believed to be probable and a reliable estimate of the outcome of the dispute can be made based on management's assessment of specific circumstances of each dispute and relevant external advice, management provides for its reliable estimate of the liability. Such accruals are by nature complex and can take number of years to resolve and can involve estimation uncertainty.

Given the complexity and magnitude of potential exposures to the Company, the assessment of the existence of legal or constructive obligation and analysis of the probability of the related outflow of resources involves significant judgement by the management.

How the Key Audit Matter was addressed in our audit: Our audit procedures in respect of this area included:

- Obtained a detailed understanding of the managements process for determining statutory liabilities, provisions and contingent liabilities pertaining to claims or disputes.
- Verified the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's key controls over the estimation, monitoring and disclosure of provisions and contingent liabilities.
- Made corroborative inquiries with appropriate level of the management personnel including status update, expectation of outcomes with the basis, and the future course of action contemplated by the Company.
- Obtained the understanding of the matters involved by reading the correspondences, communications, minutes of the Audit Committee and/or the Board meetings and discussions with the appropriate Management personnel.

- Obtained direct confirmation letters from external legal experts and reviewed them to assess the likelihood of outcome, for the purposes of provisioning.
- Evaluated the evidence supporting the judgement of the management about possible outcomes and the reasonableness of the assumptions and estimates, used in measuring the probable or possible impact.
- Evaluated appropriateness and adequacy of the disclosures of the contingent liability made in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Ind AS 37 - 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Asset'.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management report, Chairman's statement, Director's report, Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting etc. (hereinafter referred to as the "other information") but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The other information is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the other information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance under SA 720 'The Auditor's responsibilities Relating to Other Information'

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of

the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management and Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We give in "Annexure A" a detailed description of Auditor's responsibilities for Audit of the Financial Statements.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Act, we give in "Annexure B" a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order, to the extent applicable.
2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
 - (a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our

- knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books, except for the matter stated in the paragraph 2(h)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g).
 - (c) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including other comprehensive income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flow dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
 - (d) In our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act.
 - (e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2025 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors are disqualified as on March 31, 2025 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act.
 - (f) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure C".
 - (g) The reservation relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in paragraph 2(b) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph 2(h)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g).
 - (h) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
 - i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its financial statements – Refer Note 32 to the financial statements;
 - ii. The Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses.
 - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
- iv. (a) The Management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
 - (b) The Management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the Company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Parties), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, as on the date of this audit report, that the Company shall, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
 - (c) Based on the audit procedures performed that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, and according to the information and explanations provided to us by the Management in this regard nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e) as provided under (b) and (c) above, contain any material mis-statement.
 - v. The final dividend paid by the Company during the year in respect of the same declared for the previous year is in accordance with section 123 of the Companies Act 2013 to the extent it applies to payment of dividend.

The Board of Directors of the Company have proposed final dividend for the year which is subject to the approval of the members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The dividend declared is in accordance with section 123 of the Act to the extent it applies to declaration of dividend. (Refer Note 15 to the financial statements)

- vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the Company has used an accounting software for maintaining its books of account, which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility except that the audit trail feature at the application level was enabled from June 16, 2024 and was not enabled at the database level to log any direct data changes for the entire year.

Further, where enabled, audit trail feature has operated throughout the period for all relevant transactions recorded in the accounting software. Also, during the course of our audit, we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with in respect of such accounting software. Additionally, the audit trail has been preserved by the Company as per the statutory requirements for record retention to the extent it was enabled and recorded in year.

3. In our opinion, according to information, explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company to its directors is within the limits laid prescribed under Section 197 read with Schedule V of the Act and the rules thereunder.

For M S K A & Associates
Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration No. 105047W

Prakash Chandra Bhutada
Partner

Membership No. 404621
UDIN:25404621BMOJEF9286

Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

ANNEXURE A TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3) (i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management and Board of Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management and Board of Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are

required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025, and are therefore, the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

**For M S K A & Associates
Chartered Accountants**

ICAI Firm Registration No. 105047W

Prakash Chandra Bhutada
Partner

Membership No. 404621
UDIN:25404621BMOJEF9286

Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

ANNEXURE B TO INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

[Referred to in paragraph 1 under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' in the Independent Auditors' Report]

- i. (a) A) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars including quantitative details and situation of property, plant and equipment and relevant details of right-of-use assets.
- B) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars of intangible assets.
- (b) Property, Plant and Equipment and right of use assets were physically verified by the management according to a phased programme designed to cover all items over a period of 3 years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. Pursuant to the programme, a portion of Property, plant and equipment and right of use assets have been physically verified by Management during the year. No material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.
- (c) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the title deeds of immovable properties (other than properties where the Company is the lessee and the lease agreements are duly executed in favour of the lessee) as disclosed in the financial statements, are held in the name of the Company.
- (d) According to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not revalued its property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets) and intangible assets during the year. Accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3(i)(d) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
- (e) According to the information and explanations given to us, no proceeding has been initiated or pending against the Company for holding benami property under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988, as amended and rules made thereunder. Accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3(i)(e) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
- ii. (a) The inventory has been physically verified during the year by the management. In our opinion, the frequency of verification, coverage and procedure of such verification is reasonable and appropriate, having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its operations. The discrepancies noticed on physical verification of inventory as compared to book records were not 10% or more in aggregate for each class of inventory.
- (b) During the year the Company has been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of ₹5 Crores in aggregate from Banks on the basis of security of current assets. Based on the records examined by us in the normal course of audit of the financial statements, quarterly returns / statements filed with such Banks are in agreement with the books of accounts of the Company.
- iii. (a) According to the information explanation provided to us, the Company has provided loans, advances in the nature of loans, stood guarantee, and/or provided security(ies) to other entities.
- (A) The details of such loans, advances, guarantee or security(ies) to parties other than Subsidiaries, Joint ventures and Associates are as follows:

	Loans (₹ in Lakhs)
Aggregate amount granted/ provided during the year - Others	308.53
Balance Outstanding as at balance sheet date in respect of above cases - Others	135.06

"During the year the Company has not stood guarantee and provided security to any other entity."

- (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on the audit procedures performed by us, we are of the opinion that the investments made and terms and conditions in relation to grant of all loans and advances in the nature of loans, investments made are not prejudicial to the interest of the Company.

- (c) In case of the loans and advances in the nature of loan, schedule of repayment of principal and payment of interest have been stipulated and the borrowers have been regular in the repayment of the principal and payment of interest.
- (d) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, there are no amounts overdue for more than ninety days in respect of the loans granted to Other Parties.
- (e) According to the information explanation provided to us, the loans or advances in the nature of loan granted has not fallen due during the year. Accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3(iii)(e) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
- (f) According to the information explanation provided to us, the Company has granted loans and / or advances in the nature of loans during the year. These are not repayable on demand or do not have stipulated schedule for repayment of principal and interest. Accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3(iii)(f) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
- iv. According to the information and explanations given to us, there are no loans, investments, guarantees, and security in respect of which provisions of sections 185 and 186 of the Act, are applicable and accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3(iv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- v. According to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has neither accepted any deposits from the public nor any amounts which are deemed to be deposits, within the meaning of the provisions of Sections 73 to 76 of the Act and the rules framed there under. Accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3(v) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- vi. Pursuant to the rules made by the Central Government of India, the Company is required to maintain cost records as specified under Section 148(1) of the Act in respect of its products. We have broadly reviewed the same, and are of the opinion that, prima facie, the prescribed accounts and records have been made and maintained. We have not, however, made a detailed examination of the records with a view to determine whether they are accurate or complete.
- vii. (a) According to the information and explanations given to us and the records examined by us, in our opinion, undisputed statutory dues including goods and services tax, provident fund, employees' state insurance, employee pension fund, income-tax, sales-tax, service tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax, cess, and other statutory dues have been regularly deposited by the Company with appropriate authorities in all cases during the year. No undisputed amounts payable in respect of these statutory dues were outstanding as at March 31, 2025, for a period of more than six months from the date they became payable except for ₹28 lakhs, relates to employee pension fund, which is pending to be deposited, considering the relevant employees Aadhar card number is yet to linked with their respective pension fund account.
- (b) According to the information and explanation given to us and examination of records of the Company, details of statutory dues referred to in sub-clause (a) above which have not been deposited as on March 31, 2025, on account of any dispute, are as follows:

Name of the statute	Nature of dues	Amount Demanded (₹ in Lakh)	Amount Paid (₹ in Lakh)	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
Income Tax Act, 1961	Tax	11.94	-	2014-15	Commissioner of Income tax (Appeals)
	Tax	65.40	-	2020-21	Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Hyderabad
Central Sales Tax Act, 1956	Tax	116.34	76.93	2005-06, 2013-14, 2014-15 to 2015-16	Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal (STAT), Visakhapatnam
Andhra Pradesh General Tax Sales Tax Act, 1957	Tax	38.23	4.24	1995-2000	Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal (STAT), Visakhapatnam

Name of the statute	Nature of dues	Amount Demanded (₹ in Lakh)	Amount Paid (₹ in Lakh)	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
AP Value Added Tax Act, 2005	Penalty	11.79	5.89	2015-16 to 2017 (Q1)	Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal (STAT), Visakhapatnam
	Tax	235.43	223.59	2009-15	
	Penalty	21.17	21.17	2012-15	
	Tax	117.91	45.03	2015-16 to 2017 (Q1)	Appellate Deputy Commissioner, Vijayawada
Madhya Pradesh Value Added Tax Act, 2002	Tax	15.00	-	1997-98	High Court, Madhya Pradesh
Kerala Value Added Tax, 2003	Tax & Interest	40.18	5.70	2016-17	Joint Commissioner (Appeals), Ernakulam
Orissa Entry Tax Act, 1999	Tax	4.24	0.86	2006-07 to 2009-10	Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes
Goods and Services Tax, 2017	Tax	190.11	16.25	2017-18, 2019-20 to 2021-22	Commissioner of Appeals
	Interest	0.18	0.18	2017-18 to 2019-20	
	Tax & Penalty	1,733.83	136.19	2017-18 to 2020-21	Commissioner of Appeals, Guntur
Finance Act, 1994	Service Tax & Penalty	12.20	0.34	2005-06, 2010-11 to 2011-12	Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, Hyderabad
	Service Tax	274.18	-	2004-05 to 2005-06	High Court of Andhra Pradesh
Central Excise Duty act, 1944	Duty & Penalty	241.13	50.37	2008-09 to 2012-13	Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, Hyderabad
	Duty & Penalty	2.90	0.15	2015-16	
	Duty & Penalty	1.09	-	2005-06 to 2006-07	
	Duty	778.32	-	2008-09, 2012-13 to 2014-15	

viii. According to the information and explanations given to us, there are no transaction which are not recorded in the books of account which have been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in Income-tax Assessment under the Income Tax Act, 1961. Accordingly, the requirement to report as stated under clause 3(viii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

ix. (a) In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us and the records of the Company examined by us, the Company has

not defaulted in repayment of loans or borrowings or in payment of interest thereon to any lender.

(b) According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our audit procedures, we report that the Company has not been declared wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or any government authority.

(c) In our opinion and according to the information and explanations provided to us, money raised by way of term loans during the year have been

- applied for the purpose for which they were raised. Refer Note 16 to the financial statements.
- (d) According to the information and explanations given to us, and the procedures performed by us, and on an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, we report that no funds raised on short-term basis have been utilised for long-term purposes by the Company.
 - (e) The Company does not have any subsidiary, associate, or joint venture. Accordingly, requirement to report under clause 3(ix)(e) of the order is not applicable to the Company.
 - (f) The Company does not have any subsidiary, associate, or joint venture. Accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3(ix)(f) of the order is not applicable to the Company.
- x. (a) In our opinion and according to the information explanation given to us, the Company did not raise any money by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year. Accordingly, the reporting requirement under clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
 - (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or convertible debentures (fully, partly, or optionally convertible) during the year. Accordingly, the requirements to report under clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xi. (a) Based on our examination of the books and records of the Company and according to the information and explanations given to us, we report that no fraud by the Company or no fraud on the Company has been noticed or reported during the year in the course of our audit.
 - (b) During the year no report under Section 143(12) of the Act, has been filed by cost auditor/ secretarial auditor or by us in Form ADT-4 as prescribed under Rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government.
 - (c) As represented to us by the Management, there are no whistle-blower complaints received by the Company during the year.
- xii. The Company is not a Nidhi Company. Accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3(xii)(a) to (c) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
 - xiii. According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, transactions with the related parties are in compliance with Sections 177 and 188 of the Act, where applicable and details of such transactions have been disclosed in the financial statements as required by the applicable accounting standards.
- xiv. (a) In our opinion and based on our examination, the Company has an internal audit system commensurate with the size of the Company and nature of its business.
 - (b) We have considered the internal audit reports of the Company issued till the date of our audit report, for the period under audit.
- xv. According to the information and explanations given to us, and based on our examination of the records of the Company, in our opinion during the year the Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with its directors or persons connected with its directors and accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xvi. (a) The Company is not required to be registered under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934) and accordingly, the requirements to report under clause 3(xvi)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
 - (b) The Company is not engaged in any Non-Banking Financial or Housing Finance activities during the year and accordingly, the provisions stated under clause 3 (xvi)(b) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
 - (c) The Company is not a Core investment Company (CIC) as defined in the regulations made by Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3 (xvi)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
 - (d) The Group [as defined in the Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016] does not have any Core Investment Company (as part of its group. Accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3(xvi)(d) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xvii. Based on the overall review of financial statements, the Company has not incurred cash losses in the current financial year and in the immediately preceding financial year. Accordingly, the requirement to report under clause 3(xvii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

xviii. There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year. Accordingly, reporting under clause 3(xviii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

xix. According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of the financial ratios (as disclosed in note 50 to the financial statements), ageing and expected dates of realisation of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report that Company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of

the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.

xx (a) In respect of other than ongoing projects, there are no unspent amounts that are required to be transferred to a Fund as specified in Schedule VII of the Act as disclosed in note 48 to the financial statements.

(b) In respect of ongoing projects, the Company has transferred unspent amount to a special account within a period of thirty days from the end of the financial year in compliance with Section 135(6) of the Act as disclosed in Note 48 to the financial statements.

xxi. The reporting under clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable in respect of audit of standalone financial statements. Accordingly, no comment in respect of the said Clause has been included in the report.

For M S K A & Associates

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration No. 105047W

Prakash Chandra Bhutada

Partner

Membership No. 404621

UDIN:25404621BMOJEF9286

Place: Hyderabad

Date: May 08, 2025

ANNEXURE C TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED

[Referred to in paragraph 2(f) under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' in the Independent Auditors' Report of even date to the Members of Andhra Paper Limited on the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2025]

Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

We have audited the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of Andhra Paper Limited ("the Company") as of March 31, 2025, in conjunction with our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements and such internal financial controls with reference to financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2025, based on the internal control with reference to financial statements criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI').

Management's and Board of Director's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Company's Management and the Board of Directors are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control with reference to financial statements criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by ICAI. These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to Company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Act.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note and the Standards on Auditing, issued by ICAI and deemed to be prescribed

under section 143(10) of the Act, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained, is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls With reference to Financial Statements

A company's internal financial control with reference to financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control with reference to financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding

prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls With reference to financial statements

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override

of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

**For M S K A & Associates
Chartered Accountants**

ICAI Firm Registration No. 105047W

Prakash Chandra Bhutada
Partner

Membership No. 404621
UDIN:25404621BMOJEF9286

Place: Hyderabad
Date: May 08, 2025

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 2025

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
A. ASSETS			
Non-current assets:			
(a) Property, plant and equipment	3	1,01,867.81	78,797.00
(b) Right-of-use assets	4	400.97	567.06
(c) Capital work-in-progress	3	2,981.91	11,373.32
(d) Other intangible assets	4a	105.83	164.33
(e) Financial assets			
(i) Investments	5	16,460.52	17,215.10
(ii) Other financial assets	7	491.69	481.15
(f) Income-tax assets (net)	13	-	1,852.71
(g) Other non-current assets	8	7,180.95	6,611.33
Total non-current assets		1,29,489.68	1,17,062.00
Current assets:			
(a) Inventories	9	32,213.60	23,698.39
(b) Financial assets			
(i) Investments	5	74,454.86	85,661.58
(ii) Trade receivables	10	10,862.51	6,092.75
(iii) Cash and cash equivalents	11	377.01	1,105.38
(iv) Bank balances other than cash and cash Equivalents	12	393.75	1,520.16
(v) Loans	6	135.06	148.46
(vi) Other financial assets	7	278.07	238.06
(c) Other current assets	8	12,258.05	9,568.35
Total current assets		1,30,972.91	1,28,033.13
TOTAL ASSETS		2,60,462.59	2,45,095.13
B. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity:			
(a) Equity share capital	14	3,977.00	3,977.00
(b) Other equity	15	1,90,106.36	1,85,343.08
Total equity		1,94,083.36	1,89,320.08
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities:			
(a) Financial liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	16	13,542.47	4,729.86
(ia) Lease liabilities	18	406.83	534.95
(ii) Other financial liabilities	20	-	58.09
(b) Deferred tax liabilities (net)	23	8,398.90	8,330.26
Total non-current liabilities		22,348.20	13,653.16
Current Liabilities:			
(a) Financial liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	14,175.45	6,017.58
(ia) Lease liabilities	18	128.11	166.91
(ii) Trade payables			
(a) total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	19	2,124.86	3,047.40
(b) total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	19	16,816.08	19,708.70
(iii) Other financial liabilities	20	4,590.34	6,845.75
(b) Provisions	21	3,936.16	3,946.19
(c) Other current liabilities	22	2,119.47	2,389.36
(d) Current tax liabilities (net)	13	140.56	-
Total current liabilities		44,031.03	42,121.89
Total liabilities		66,379.23	55,775.05
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		2,60,462.59	2,45,095.13

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements

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As per our report of even date

For M S K A & Associates

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No.:105047W

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**of Andhra Paper Limited**

CIN: L21010AP1964PLC001008

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(DIN: 00053237)

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(DIN: 09380039)

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(DIN:00236894)

Rajesh Bothra

Chief Financial Officer

Place: Hyderabad

Date : May 08, 2025

Place: Rajahmundry / Kolkata

Date : May 08, 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Note	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
1 Income			
(a) Revenue from operations	24	1,54,124.10	1,80,057.97
(b) Other income	25	8,873.01	9,494.96
Total income		1,62,997.11	1,89,552.93
2. Expenses:			
(a) Cost of materials consumed		97,465.12	86,534.62
(b) Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress	26	(4,765.36)	(1,452.35)
(c) Power, fuel and water		13,010.47	13,760.72
(d) Employee benefits expense	27	16,912.21	16,930.76
(e) Finance costs	28	1,789.47	441.49
(f) Depreciation and amortisation expense	29	8,832.04	6,587.22
(g) Other expenses	30	18,045.68	21,186.18
Total expenses		1,51,289.63	1,43,988.64
3 Profit before tax (1-2)		11,707.48	45,564.29
4 Tax expense:			
(a) Current tax	31	2,457.41	11,079.48
(b) Deferred tax	31	359.00	510.89
		2,816.41	11,590.37
5 Net profit after tax (3-4)		8,891.07	33,973.92
6 Other comprehensive income			
(i) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
(a) Remeasurement Gain/(loss) on the defined benefit plans		1.47	(2.62)
(b) Equity instruments through other comprehensive income		(442.25)	2,726.03
		(440.78)	2,723.41
(ii) Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	31		
(a) Remeasurement Gain/(loss) on the defined benefit plans		(0.37)	0.66
(b) Equity instruments through other comprehensive income		290.36	(623.72)
		289.99	(623.06)
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(150.79)	2,100.35
7 Total comprehensive income (5 + 6)		8,740.28	36,074.27
Earnings per share (Face value of ₹2 each) Basic and Diluted - ₹	37	4.47	17.09

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements 1-52

As per our report of even date
For M S K A & Associates
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Membership No: 15449

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

(a) Equity share capital

(₹ in Lakhs)

	Number of shares	Amount
Balance as at April 1, 2023 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	3,97,70,039	3,977.00
Changes in equity share capital during the year	-	-
Balance as at March 31, 2024 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	3,97,70,039	3,977.00
Sub-division of 1 share of face value ₹10 each into 5 shares of face value ₹2 each effective September 11, 2024 (Increase in number of shares on account of sub-division)	15,90,80,156	-
Balance as at March 31, 2025 (Face Value of ₹2 each)	19,88,50,195	3,977.00

(b) Other Equity

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Reserves and surplus			Items of other comprehensive income		Total
	Security premium	Capital redemption reserve	Retained earnings	Remeasurement of net defined benefit plan	Equity instrument through other comprehensive income	
Balance as at April 1, 2023	18,211.13	598.00	1,35,916.86	(424.50)	(61.43)	1,54,240.06
Profit for the year	-	-	33,973.92	-	-	33,973.92
Remeasurements of the defined benefit plans (net of tax)	-	-	-	(1.96)	-	(1.96)
Dividend on equity shares (Refer Note 15.3)	-	-	(4,971.25)	-	-	(4,971.25)
Changes in fair value (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	2,102.31	2,102.31
Balance as at March 31, 2024	18,211.13	598.00	1,64,919.53	(426.46)	2,040.88	1,85,343.08
Profit for the year	-	-	8,891.07	-	-	8,891.07
Remeasurements of the defined benefit plans (net of tax)	-	-	-	1.10	-	1.10
Dividend on equity shares (Refer Note 15.3)	-	-	(3,977.00)	-	-	(3,977.00)
Changes in fair value (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	(151.89)	(151.89)
Balance as at March 31, 2025	18,211.13	598.00	1,69,833.60	(425.36)	1,888.99	1,90,106.36

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As per our report of even date

For M S K A & Associates

Chartered Accountants

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
A Cash flow from operating activities		
Profit before tax	11,707.48	45,564.29
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8,832.04	6,587.22
Loss on sale / scrap of property, plant and equipment's (net)	487.18	120.28
Profit on sale of current investments	(4,451.67)	(1,177.92)
Net gain on financial assets designated on FVTPL	(739.52)	(3,320.48)
Finance costs	1,789.47	441.49
Unwinding of discount on deferred payment liabilities	(58.09)	(58.09)
Interest income	(2,197.98)	(4,033.99)
Liabilities / provisions no longer required written back	(884.93)	(590.73)
Dividend income	(339.56)	(160.35)
Fair valuation adjustments of derivatives (forward cover) designated as FVTPL	(39.37)	(9.88)
Net unrealised foreign exchange loss	61.81	11.10
Operating profit before working capital changes	14,166.86	43,372.94
Changes in working capital:		
Adjustments for (increase) / decrease in operating assets:		
Inventories	(8,515.21)	(6,332.44)
Trade receivables	(4,769.83)	8,664.37
Loans	13.40	(11.44)
Other assets	(2,514.25)	(4,565.21)
Other financial assets	(18.33)	(61.97)
Adjustments for increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Trade payables	(2,912.03)	3,678.31
Other financial liabilities	(251.05)	(86.18)
Other liabilities	(269.89)	391.91
Provisions	(8.56)	188.12
Cash (used in) / generated from operations	(5,078.89)	45,238.41
Income tax paid (net of refund)	(460.57)	(13,364.63)
Net cash flow from /(used in) operating activities (A)	(5,539.46)	31,873.78
B. Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment (including capital work-in-progress and intangible assets)	(26,501.99)	(33,104.86)
Purchase of current investments	(1,39,871.20)	(1,81,333.63)
Purchase of non-current investments	(6,785.64)	(9,346.14)
Proceeds from sale/redemption of current investments	1,62,440.52	1,82,910.15
Proceeds from sale of non-current investments	-	1,073.23
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5.69	5.58
Proceed from repayment of Inter-corporate deposits	-	1,500.00
Term / margin money deposits placed during the year	-	(1,068.38)
Term / margin money deposits matured during the year	1,141.17	2,000.00
Dividend received	339.56	160.35
Interest received	3,115.65	3,796.79
Net cash used in investing activities (B)	(6,116.24)	(33,406.91)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
C. Cash flow from financing activities		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	17,877.87	5,236.94
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	16,629.24	7,494.80
Repayment of long-term borrowings (including current maturities)	(3,672.00)	(219.06)
Repayment of short-term borrowings	(14,072.79)	(6,500.00)
Dividend paid	(3,977.00)	(4,971.25)
Finance costs	(1,654.71)	(334.70)
Repayment of principal portion of the lease liability	(166.92)	(152.04)
Repayment of interest portion of the lease liability	(39.47)	(51.84)
Net cash flow from financing activities (C)	10,924.22	502.85
Net decrease in Cash and cash equivalents (A+B+C)	(731.48)	(1,030.28)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,105.38	2,132.26
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents held in foreign currencies	3.11	3.40
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year (Refer Note 11)	377.01	1,105.38

Reconciliation of Financial Liabilities - Borrowings and lease liabilities:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Opening balance	11,449.30	5,488.02
Add: Lease liabilities recognised during the year	-	47.83
Add: Proceeds of borrowings	34,507.11	12,731.74
Less: (Repayments) of borrowings	(17,744.79)	(6,719.06)
Less: (Repayment) of principal portion of the lease liability	(166.92)	(152.04)
Less: (Repayment) of interest portion of the lease liability	(39.47)	(51.84)
Less: Fair value changes	247.63	104.65
Closing balance	28,252.86	11,449.30

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements 1-52

As per our report of even date

For M S K A & Associates

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No.:105047W

**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
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S. K. BangurChairman and Non-Executive Director
(DIN: 00053237)**Mukesh Jain**Executive Director
(DIN: 09380039)**Prakash Chandra Bhutada**

Partner

Membership No:404621

Saurabh BangurManaging Director
(DIN:00236894)**Rajesh Bothra**

Chief Financial Officer

Bijay Kumar SankuCompany Secretary
Membership No: 15449

Place: Hyderabad

Date : May 08, 2025

Place: Rajahmundry / Kolkata

Date : May 08, 2025

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General information

Andhra Paper Limited (“APL”/ the “Company”) is an integrated paper and pulp manufacturer. The equity shares of the Company are listed on BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India limited. APL was incorporated on June 29, 1964.

APL owns and operates two manufacturing units located in the State of Andhra Pradesh, India, one at Rajamahendravaram and the other at Kadiyam in East Godavari District.

2. Material accounting policies

A. Statement of compliance

The financial statements which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity (“Financial Statements”) have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind ASs) notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”), read together with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended and relevant amendment rules issued thereafter. The Company has consistently applied accounting policies to all periods.

B. Basis of preparation and presentation

The financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis and on the historical cost convention except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based

payment transactions that are within the scope of Ind AS 102, leasing transactions that are within the scope of Ind AS 116, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in Ind AS 2 or value in use in Ind AS 36. In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2, or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

C. Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Ind AS requires Management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The following are the critical judgements and estimates that have been made in the process of applying the Company’s accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

a) Useful lives of Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment represent a significant proportion of the asset base of the Company. The charge in respect of periodic depreciation is derived after determining an estimate of an asset’s expected useful life and the expected residual value at the end of its life. The useful lives and residual values of Company’s assets are determined by Management at the time the asset is acquired and is reviewed at the

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end of each reporting period. The lives are based on historical experience with similar assets as well as anticipation of future events, which may impact their life, such as changes in technology. This reassessment may result in change in depreciation expense in future periods.

b) Fair value measurement of financial instruments

Some of the Company's assets and liabilities are measured at fair value for financial reporting purposes. In estimating the fair value of an asset or liability, the Company uses market-observable data to the extent available. Where Level 1 inputs are not available, the fair value is measured using valuation techniques, including the discounted cash flow model, which involves various judgments and assumptions. The Company also engages third party qualified valuers to perform the valuation in certain cases. The appropriateness of valuation techniques and inputs to the valuation model are reviewed by the Management.

c) Income taxes

The Company's tax jurisdiction is India. Significant judgements are involved in estimating budgeted profits for the purpose of paying advance tax, determining the provision for income taxes, including amount expected to be paid / recovered for uncertain tax positions.

d) Defined benefit obligations

The Company uses actuarial assumptions viz., discount rate, mortality rates, salary escalation rate etc., to determine such employee benefit obligations.

e) Claims, provisions and contingent liabilities

The Company has ongoing litigations with various regulatory authorities and third parties. Where an outflow of funds is believed to be probable and a reliable estimate of the outcome of the dispute can be made based on management's assessment of specific circumstances of each dispute and relevant external advice, management provides for its best estimate of the liability. Such accruals are by nature complex and can take number of years to resolve and can involve estimation uncertainty. Information about such litigations is disclosed in notes to the financial statements.

f) Leases

The Company evaluates if an arrangement qualifies to be a lease as per the requirements of Ind AS 116 Leases. Identification of a lease requires significant judgment. The Company uses significant judgement in assessing the lease term (including anticipated renewals) and the applicable discount rate. The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease, together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the Company is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. In assessing whether the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend a lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate a lease, it considers all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Company to exercise the option to extend the lease, or not to exercise the option to terminate the lease. The Company revises the lease term if there is a change in the non-cancellable period of a lease. The discount rate is generally based on the incremental borrowing rate specific to the lease being evaluated or for a portfolio of leases with similar characteristics.

g) Other estimates

The preparation of financial statements involves estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Specifically, the Company estimates the probability of collection of accounts receivable by analysing historical payment patterns, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness and current economic trends. If the financial condition of a customer deteriorates, additional allowances may be required.

D. Classification of Assets and Liabilities as Current and Non-Current

All Assets and Liabilities have been classified as current or non-current as per the Company's normal operating cycle and other criteria set out in the Schedule III to the Act. Based on the nature of product & activities of

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the Company and their realisation in cash and cash equivalent, the Company has determined its operating cycle as twelve months for the purpose of current and non-current classification of assets and liabilities

E. Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value after providing for obsolescence and other losses, where considered necessary. Cost includes all charges in bringing the goods to the point of sale. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

The method of determining cost of various categories of inventories is as follows:

Raw materials (including packing materials)	Weighted average cost
Stores and spares	Weighted average cost
Work-in-progress and finished goods (manufactured)	Weighted average cost of production which comprises of direct material costs, direct wages and applicable overheads.
Stock-in-trade	Weighted average cost

F. Property, plant and equipment and Capital work in progress

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. Cost comprises the purchase price net of any trade discounts and rebates, any import duties and other taxes (other than those subsequently recoverable from the tax authorities), any directly attributable expenditure in making the asset ready for its intended use and cost of borrowing till the date of capitalisation in the case of assets involving material investment and substantial lead time.

An item of Property, plant and equipment is de-recognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of asset. Any gain/loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of Property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation on buildings is provided on the straight-line method as per the useful life prescribed in Schedule II to the Act.

Depreciation on plant and equipment is provided on straight-line method over 10-25 years, based on the useful life assessed as per technical assessment, taking into account the nature of asset, the estimated usage of the asset, the operating conditions of the asset, past history of replacement, anticipated technological changes, maintenance report etc.

Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets viz. furniture and fixtures, office equipment and vehicles is provided on written down value method as per the useful life prescribed in Schedule II of the Act.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the lower of estimated useful life and lease term.

Assets individually costing ₹5,000 and below are fully depreciated in the period of acquisition.

G. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are carried at cost, net of accumulated amortisation and impairment losses, if any. Cost of an intangible asset comprises of purchase price and attributable expenditure on making the asset ready for its intended use.

Intangible assets are amortised on the straight-line method over their estimated useful life.

An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from de-recognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized.

H. Impairment

a) Financial assets

In accordance with Ind AS 109, the Company applies expected credit loss (ECL) model for

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measurement and recognition of impairment loss. The Company follows 'simplified approach' for recognition of impairment loss allowance on trade receivables. The application of simplified approach does not require the Company to track changes in credit risk. Rather, it recognises impairment loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date, right from its initial recognition.

For recognition of impairment loss on other financial assets and risk exposure, the Company determines whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition. If credit risk has not increased significantly, 12-month ECL is used to provide for impairment loss. However, if credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime ECL is used. If in subsequent period, credit quality of the instrument improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, then the entity reverts to recognising impairment loss allowance based on 12 month ECL.

Lifetime ECLs are the expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The 12 month ECL is a portion of the lifetime ECL which results from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive (i.e. all shortfalls), discounted at the original Effective Interest Rate (EIR). When estimating the cash flows, an entity is required to consider:

- (i) All contractual terms of the financial instrument (including prepayment, extension etc.) over the expected life of the financial instrument. However, in rare cases when the expected life of the financial instrument cannot be estimated reliably, then the entity is required to use the remaining contractual term of the financial instrument.
- (ii) Cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

As a practical expedient, the Company uses a provision matrix to determine impairment loss on portfolio of its trade receivables. The provision matrix is based on its historically observed default rates over the expected life of the trade receivables and is adjusted for forward-looking estimates. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in forward-looking estimates are analysed.

ECL impairment loss allowance (or reversal) recognised during the period is recognised as income/expense in the Statement of Profit and Loss. ECL is presented as an allowance, i.e. as an integral part of the measurement of those assets in the Balance Sheet.

b) Non-financial assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that a non-financial asset or a group of non-financial assets is impaired. If any such indication exists, the Company estimates the amount of impairment loss.

An impairment loss is calculated as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and recoverable amount. Losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss and reflected in an allowance account. When the Company considers that there are no realistic prospects of recovery of the asset the relevant amounts are written off. If the amount of impairment loss subsequently decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised then the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the Statement of Profit and Loss.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using the pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or group of asset ("the cash generating unit").

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I. Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (i.e. the “functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Indian Rupee (₹), the national currency of India, which is the functional currency of the Company.

J. Foreign currency transactions and translations

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction or at rates that closely approximate the rate at the date of transactions. The date of transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (part of it) is the date on which the entity initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from payment or receipt of advance consideration. Foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are restated into the functional currency using exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on settlement and restatement of foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of profit and loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in foreign currencies are not translated.

K. Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Interest income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

L. Employee benefits

a) Defined contribution plans

Employee benefits in the form of provident fund, superannuation, employees’ state insurance

fund and labour welfare fund are considered as defined contribution plans and the contributions are charged to the profit and loss during the year when the contributions to the respective funds are due and as and when services are rendered by employees.

Provident fund

Eligible employees receive benefits from a provident fund. Both the employee and the Company make monthly contributions to the provident fund plan equal to a specified percentage of the covered employee’s salary. Rajahmundry unit of the Company makes the contributions to ‘The Employee’s Provident Fund of The Andhra Pradesh Paper Mills Limited’ trust maintained by the Company, and for other locations the contributions are made to Regional Provident Fund Commissioner. The rate at which the annual interest is payable to the beneficiaries by the trust is determined by the Government. The Company has an obligation to make good the shortfall, if any, between the return from the investments of the trust and the notified interest rate. The Company has no further obligations.

Superannuation

Certain employees of the Company are participants in the superannuation plan (‘the Plan’) which is a defined contribution plan. The Company contributes to the superannuation fund maintained with an Insurer.

b) Defined benefit plans

Gratuity

In accordance with the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, as amended, the Company provides for gratuity, a defined benefit retirement plan (‘the Gratuity Plan’) covering eligible employees. The Gratuity Plan provides a lump-sum payment to vested employees at retirement, death, incapacitation or termination of employment, of an amount based on the respective employee’s salary and the tenure of employment with the Company. Liabilities with regard to the Gratuity Plan are determined by actuarial valuation at each Balance Sheet date using the projected unit credit method. The Company fully contributes all ascertained liabilities to the gratuity fund maintained with the Insurer.

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Defined benefit costs are categorized as follows

- a. service cost (including current service cost, past service cost, as well as gains and losses on curtailments and settlements);
- b. net interest expense or income; and
- c. re-measurement

The Company presents the first two components of defined benefit costs in profit or loss in the line item 'Employee benefits expense'. Curtailment gains and losses are accounted for as past service costs. Net interest is calculated by applying the discount rate at the beginning of the period to the net defined benefit liability or asset.

Remeasurement, comprising actuarial gains and losses, the effect of the changes to the asset ceiling (if applicable) and the return on plan assets (excluding net interest), is reflected immediately in the balance sheet with a charge or credit recognised in other comprehensive income in the period in which they occur. Remeasurement recognised in other comprehensive income is reflected immediately in retained earnings and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

c) Short-term and other long-term employee benefits

The employees of the Company are entitled to compensated absences. The employees can carry forward a portion of the unutilised accumulating compensated absences and utilise it in future periods or receive cash at retirement or termination of employment. The Company records an obligation for compensated absences in the period in which the employee renders the services that increases this entitlement. The Company measures the expected cost of compensated absences as the additional amount that the Company expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the end of the reporting period. The Company fully contributes all ascertained liabilities to the fund maintained with the Insurer. The Company recognises accumulated compensated absences based on actuarial valuation. Non-accumulating compensated absences are recognised in the period in which the absences occur.

M. Revenue recognition

a) Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised upon transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances, taxes or duties collected on behalf of the government. An entity shall recognise revenue when the entity satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a goods or services (i.e. an asset) to a customer. An asset is transferred when the customer obtains control of that asset.

b) Export benefits

Export benefits are recognised on an accrual basis and when there is a reasonable certainty of realisation of such benefits / incentives.

c) Other income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive payment has been established.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

N. Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial asset or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial asset

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or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in the Statement of the Profit and Loss. While, loans and borrowings and payables are recognised net of directly attributable transaction costs.

Purchase or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trade) are recognised on trade date.

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial instruments of the Company are classified in the following categories: Non-derivative financial assets comprising amortised cost, investments in subsidiaries, equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) and non-derivative financial liabilities at amortised cost. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

The classification of financial instruments depends on the objective of the Company's business model for which it is held and on the substance of the contractual terms / arrangements.

a) Non - derivative financial assets

i. Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset shall be measured at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

They are presented as current assets, except for those maturing later than 12 months after the reporting date which are presented as non-current assets. Financial assets are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment loss.

Financial assets at amortised cost are represented by trade receivables, security deposits, cash and cash equivalents, loans / Inter-Corporate deposits given / placed and eligible current and non-current assets.

Cash comprises cash on hand, cash at bank, cheques on hand and demand deposits with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term balances (with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

ii. Investments in Equity instruments at FVTOCI

On initial recognition, the Company can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to present the subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income (OCI) pertaining to investments in equity instruments. This election is not permitted if the equity investment is held for trading. These elected investments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the "equity instruments through other comprehensive income". The cumulative gain or loss is not reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the investments.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- It has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term; or
- On initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Company manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- It is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedge instrument or a financial guarantee.

Dividends on these investments in equity instruments are recognised in the Statement

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of Profit and Loss when the Company's right to receive the dividends is established and the amount of dividend can be measured reliably.

iii. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

FVTPL is a residual category for financial assets. A financial asset which does not meet the criteria for categorization as at amortised cost or as FVTOCI, is classified as FVTPL.

In addition, the Company may elect to designate the financial asset, which otherwise meets amortised cost or FVTOCI criteria, as FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency.

Financial assets included within the FVTPL category are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any gains or losses arising on re-measurement recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. The net gain or loss recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the 'Other income' line item.

De-recognition of financial assets

The Company de-recognises financial assets when the contractual right to the cash flows from the asset expires or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party. On de-recognition of a financial asset (except as mentioned above for financial assets measured at FVTOCI), the difference between the carrying amount and the consideration received and receivable is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

b) Non-derivative financial liabilities

i. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on re-measurement recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the

financial liability and is included in the 'Other income' line item.

ii. Financial liability subsequently measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost represented by borrowings, trade and other payables are initially recognized at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

De-recognition of financial liabilities

The Company de-recognises financial liabilities, when and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liabilities de-recognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

O. Leases

The Company's lease asset classes primarily consist of leases for building, plant & machinery and vehicles. The Company, at the inception of a contract, assesses whether the contract is a lease or not. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a time in exchange for a consideration.

The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term.

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The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense over the lease term.

P. Taxation

Income tax expense represent the sum of the current tax and deferred tax.

i. Current tax

Current tax is determined as the amount of tax payable in respect of the taxable income for the year as determined in accordance with the applicable tax rates and the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Taxable profit differs from 'profit before tax' as reported in the statement of profit and loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible under the Income-tax Act, 1961. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the current tax amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and applicable for the period. The Company offsets current tax assets and current tax liabilities, where it has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and where it intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and liability simultaneously.

ii. Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary

differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of such deferred tax assets to be utilised.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Q. Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties

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surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (when the effect of the time value of money is material).

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

A disclosure for a contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may, but probably will not require an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or the amount of such obligation cannot be measured reliably. When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation in respect of which likelihood of outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.

R. Cash flow statements and Cash and cash equivalents

Cash flows are reported using the indirect method, whereby profit/ (loss) before tax is adjusted for the

effects of transactions of non-cash nature and any deferrals or accruals of past or future cash receipts or payments. The cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities of the Company are segregated based on the available information.

For the purpose of presentation in the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

S. Standards (including amendments) issued but not yet effective:

Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") notifies new standards or amendments to the existing standards under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as issued from time to time. For the year ended March 31, 2025, MCA has not notified any new standards or amendments to the existing standards applicable to the Company.

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3. Property, plant and equipment and capital work-in-progress

(₹ in Lakhs)

	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Carrying amounts of:		
Freehold land	1,607.49	295.92
Buildings	11,222.98	8,973.29
Plant and equipment	88,538.38	69,073.82
Furniture and fixtures	37.39	42.79
Vehicles	191.07	186.06
Office equipment	268.13	221.64
Leasehold improvements	2.37	3.48
TOTAL - Property, plant and equipment	1,01,867.81	78,797.00
Capital work-in-progress (CWIP)	2,981.91	11,373.32
TOTAL - CWIP	2,981.91	11,373.32

Cost or deemed cost

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Freehold land	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Vehicles	Office equipment	Leasehold improvements	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	295.92	10,578.77	88,093.11	215.40	295.83	1,057.12	14.40	1,00,550.55
Additions	-	2,327.37	25,844.61	5.19	176.33	143.36	-	28,496.86
Disposals / adjustments*	-	(6.25)	(336.60)	-	(11.12)	(44.61)	-	(398.58)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	295.92	12,899.89	1,13,601.12	220.59	461.04	1,155.87	14.40	1,28,648.83
Additions	1,311.57	2,915.90	27,681.91	0.44	82.31	163.11	-	32,155.24
Disposals / adjustments*	-	(72.18)	(1,075.64)	(0.08)	(35.93)	(91.09)	-	(1,274.92)
Balance as at March 31, 2025	1,607.49	15,743.61	1,40,207.39	220.95	507.42	1,227.89	14.40	1,59,529.15

* Adjustments includes transfers inter-se

Accumulated depreciation

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Freehold land	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Vehicles	Office equipment	Leasehold improvements	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	-	3,394.23	39,049.42	169.73	242.73	918.88	9.50	43,784.49
Depreciation expense	-	534.01	5,697.68	8.07	42.81	56.07	1.42	6,340.06
Eliminated on disposal of assets	-	(1.64)	(219.80)	-	(10.56)	(40.72)	-	(272.72)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	-	3,926.60	44,527.30	177.80	274.98	934.23	10.92	49,851.83
Depreciation expense	-	615.27	7,784.00	5.83	75.46	109.89	1.11	8,591.56
Eliminated on disposal of assets	-	(21.24)	(642.29)	(0.07)	(34.09)	(84.36)	-	(782.05)
Balance as at March 31, 2025	-	4,520.63	51,669.01	183.56	316.35	959.76	12.03	57,661.34

Note: Refer Note 16 and 17 for details of hypothecation of the Company's property, plant and equipment as security for borrowings taken by the Company.

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3. Property, plant and equipment and capital work-in-progress (Cont'd)

Capital Work in Progress (CWIP)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Opening	Addition during the year*	Capitalized during the year	Closing
2024-25	11,373.32	22,452.26	30,843.67	2,981.91
2023-24	2,938.18	36,936.95	28,501.81	11,373.32

*The amount of borrowing costs capitalised during the year ended March 31, 2025 was ₹ 507.20 Lakh (March 31, 2024: ₹ 202.97 Lakh).

Capital work-in-progress ageing as at March 31, 2025: CWIP ageing schedule#:

Particulars	Amount in CWIP for a period of				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	
Projects in progress	2,884.38	53.83	43.70	-	2,981.91
Projects temporarily suspended	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,884.38	53.83	43.70	-	2,981.91

Capital work-in-progress ageing as at March 31, 2024: CWIP ageing schedule#:

Particulars	Amount in CWIP for a period of				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	
Projects in progress	11,070.61	198.69	104.02	-	11,373.32
Projects temporarily suspended	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11,070.61	198.69	104.02	-	11,373.32

#Project execution plans are reviewed periodically on the basis of Management's judgement and estimates w.r.t future business, technology developments / economy / industry / regulatory environment and all the projects are assessed as per periodic plan. There are no capital work-in progress projects, whose completion is overdue or has exceed its cost compared with its original plan as at March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024.

4. Right-of-use assets

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Carrying amounts of right-of-use assets:		
Buildings	400.97	565.07
Vehicles	-	1.99
TOTAL - Right-of-use assets	400.97	567.06

(₹ in Lakhs)

Cost	Buildings	Vehicles	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	1,043.43	21.74	1,065.17
Additions	47.83	-	47.83
Deletion	(49.47)	-	(49.47)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	1,041.79	21.74	1,063.53
Additions	-	-	-
Deletion	-	(21.74)	(21.74)
Balance as at March 31, 2025	1,041.79	-	1,041.79

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4. Right-of-use assets (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Accumulated depreciation	Buildings	Vehicles	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	364.21	12.95	377.16
Depreciation	160.90	6.80	167.70
Deletion	(48.39)	-	(48.39)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	476.72	19.75	496.47
Depreciation	164.10	1.99	166.09
Deletion	-	(21.74)	(21.74)
Balance as at March 31, 2025	640.82	-	640.82

4a. Other intangible assets

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Carrying amounts of:		
Computer softwares (purchased)	105.83	164.33
TOTAL - Other intangible assets	105.83	164.33

(₹ in Lakhs)

Cost or deemed cost	Computer softwares	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	1,186.93	1,186.93
Additions	4.95	4.95
Disposals	(37.49)	(37.49)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	1,154.39	1,154.39
Additions	15.89	15.89
Disposals	-	-
Balance as at March 31, 2025	1,170.28	1,170.28

(₹ in Lakhs)

Accumulated amortisation	Computer softwares	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2023	948.09	948.09
Amortisation expense	79.46	79.46
Disposals	(37.49)	(37.49)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	990.06	990.06
Amortisation expense	74.39	74.39
Disposals	-	-
Balance as at March 31, 2025	1,064.45	1,064.45

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5. Investments

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Non-current					
Trade					
Unquoted Investments (all fully paid)					
(A) Investment in equity shares of subsidiary at cost					
Andhra Paper Private Limited (formerly known as Andhra Paper Foundation) (Refer Note 45)	10	50,000	5.00	50,000	5.00
Less: Loss allowance for impairment in value of investment			(5.00)		(5.00)
Total (A)			-		-
(B) Investments carried at amortised cost:					
Investments in bonds					
Bharati Telecom Limited, 8.60%, 12 Dec 2025	-	-	-	100	1,023.71
Government of India, 8.24% 10 Nov 2033	5,00,000	100	556.37	100	559.78
Government of India, 8.26% 02 Aug 2027	100	1,00,000	103.17	1,00,000	103.84
Government of India, 8.33% 09 July 2026	100	2,00,000	206.18	2,00,000	207.83
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, 7.4%, 30 Jan 2026	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,012.69
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, 9.30%, 04 Sep 2029	10,00,000	25	280.56	25	283.77
State Bank of India Series III, 7.55%, 14 Dec 2026	1,00,00,000	2	201.99	1	100.42
State Bank of India, SR - I , 7.74%, 8 Sep 2025	10,00,000	-	-	50	526.49
State Bank of India Perpetual, SR - I, 7.72%, 18 Oct 2026	1,00,00,000	2	205.05	-	-
Total (B)			1,553.32		3,818.53
(C) Investments in Non-Convertible Debentures at amortised cost					
Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 7.6%, 6 Jun 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,061.85
Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 7.9%, 19 Sep 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,036.67
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 7.40%, 02 Jul 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,059.84
Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited SR III NCD, 0%, 29 Jan 2026	10,00,000	-	-	35	302.61
Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited , 8.0415%, 26 Sep 2025	1,00,000	-	-	1,000	1,039.89
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, 8.90%, 27 Oct 2025	10,00,000	-	-	10	105.57
Muthoot Fincorp Limited, 9.40%, 30 Oct 2026	1,000	50,000	519.57	-	-
Muthooth Fincorp Ltd, 9.0%, 24 Feb, 2027	1,000	50,000	500.00	-	-
Cholamandalam Investment & Fin Company Ltd, 8.50%, 31 Jan 2027	1,000	1,00,000	1,019.43	-	-
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services 2027, 9.30%, 18 Jan 2027	1,000	55,000	610.47	-	-

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Muthoot Finance Limited 2027, 8.90%, 07 Oct 2027	1,00,000	500	523.39	-	-
Shriram Finance Ltd, 9.22%, 13 Apr 2026	10,00,000	5	54.42	-	-
TATA Capital Financial Services Limited 2028, 9.10%, 27 Sep 2028	1,000	10,000	107.09	-	-
Total (C)			3,334.37		4,606.43
(D) Investments in Equity Instruments at FVTOCI:					
- Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation Limited, equity shares of ₹10 each	10	13,40,000	1,538.37	13,40,000	1,538.37
Less: Loss allowance for impairment in value of investment			(1,538.37)		(1,538.37)
Total (D)			-		-
(E) Quoted Investments					
Investments in Equity Instruments at FVTOCI:					
- Axis Bank Limited	10	10,840	119.52	-	-
- Bharat Electronic Limited	1	1,17,040	352.77	1,08,730	219.18
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	10	1,14,403	318.76	7,210	43.46
- Canara Bank	2	1,78,610	159.06	9,520	55.34
- Chennai Petroleum Corporation	10	34,014	209.36	21,225	192.55
- Coal India Limited	10	2,44,529	974.10	2,03,399	883.25
- Exide Industries Limited	1	39,915	143.94	26,835	81.77
- GAIL (India) Limited	10	74,210	135.92	-	-
- HDFC Bank Limited	1	42,098	769.96	36,718	531.92
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	10	65,260	235.28	-	-
- ICICI Bank Limited	10	22,580	304.57	20,470	223.90
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited	10	2,42,755	310.18	1,24,230	208.48
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited	10	48,140	77.37	-	-
- Infosys Limited	10	6,985	109.76	6,985	104.69
- Inter Globe Aviation Limited	10	3,814	195.18	-	-
- ITC Hotels Limited	10	15,251	30.12	-	-
- ITC Limited	1	1,52,518	625.24	1,04,050	445.89
- JIO Financial Services Limited	10	12,970	29.53	12,970	45.90
- JSW Steels Limited	10	26,580	282.71	20,520	170.44
- Life Insurance Corporation of India	10	44,339	354.45	44,339	406.21
- Mahanagar Gas Limited	10	21,515	298.55	14,020	191.33
- NHPC Limited	10	1,29,135	106.21	-	-
- NMDC Limited	10	8,38,170	577.60	2,79,390	563.85
- NTPC Limited	10	1,43,540	513.46	1,39,170	467.49
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited	10	1,06,935	263.59	74,855	200.73
- Oil India Limited	10	1,23,850	479.14	74,290	446.04
- Power Finance Corporation Limited	10	1,86,860	774.21	1,79,860	702.03

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
- Power Grid Corporation Limited	10	1,39,569	405.39	1,25,873	348.67
- REC Limited	10	2,04,410	877.46	2,03,080	916.02
- Reliance Industries Limited	10	23,736	302.81	10,683	317.61
- RITES Limited	10	70,930	158.53	31,250	207.52
- State Bank of India	10	64,290	496.21	48,425	364.46
- Steel Authority of India Limited	10	36,450	42.01	-	-
- Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	10	6,410	111.25	-	-
- Tata Consultancy Services Limited	10	2,706	97.63	2,706	104.94
- Tata Motors Limited	10	49,033	331.03	3,250	32.28
- Tata Motors Limited (differential voting rights)	-	-	-	47,795	314.22
Total (E)			11,572.83		8,790.14
Aggregate carrying value of quoted and unquoted non-current investments (E) = (A) + (B) + (C) + (D) + (E)			16,460.52		17,215.10

5. Investments

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Current					
Unquoted investments carried at amortised cost					
Investments in Bonds					
Indian Oil Corporation Limited SR XXII, 5.84%, 19 Apr 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,054.49
LIC Housing Finance Limited, 6.19%, 25 Nov 2024	10,00,000	-	-	50	506.43
National Bank For Agriculture and Rural Development, 5.27%, 23 July 2024	10,00,000	-	-	50	515.01
Power Finance Corporation Limited, 9.37%, 19AUG 2024	10,00,000	-	-	18	191.35
Power Finance Corporation Limited, 8.65%, 28 Dec 2024	10,00,000	-	-	140	1,442.24
Power Grid Corporation Limited, 9.25%, 26 Dec 2024	12,50,000	-	-	40	517.79
Power grid Corporation Limited, 8.64%, 8 July 2024	12,50,000	-	-	80	1,065.79
Power Grid Corp of India Limited, 8.93%, 20 Oct 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,048.76
Reliance Industries Limited, 9.25%, 16 Jun 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,077.13
Rural electrification corporation limited, 8.57%, 21 Dec 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,083.67
State Bank of India Series II, 8.50%, 22 Nov 2024	10,00,000	-	-	341	3,524.86
State Bank of India, SR - I , 7.74%, 8 Sep 2025	10,00,000	50	523.36	-	-
Bharati Telecom Limited, 8.60%, 12 Dec 2025	10,00,000	100	1,025.20	-	-
National Bank For Agriculture and Rural Development, 7.4%, 30 Jan 2026	10,00,000	100	1,012.84	-	-
Total(A)			2,561.40		12,027.52

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Investments in Non-Convertible Debentures					
HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited, 8.62%, 17 Jun 2024	10,00,000	-	-	32	343.38
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 7.99%, 11 July 2024	10,00,000	-	-	50	529.12
Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited, 0%, 29 Apr 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	994.33
Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited, 7.8955%, 23 Dec 2024	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,021.78
Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited, 8.0415%, 26 Sep 2025	1,00,000	1,000	1,040.88	-	-
L & T Finance Limited, 6.45%, 10 May 2024	10,00,000	-	-	150	1,506.43
LIC Housing Finance, 8.33%, 31 May 2024	10,00,000	-	-	50	535.95
Shriram Finance Limited SR, 9.00%, 24 Jun 2024	1,00,000	-	-	500	501.54
Shriram Finance Limited SR, 9.55%, 15 Nov 24	10,00,000	-	-	50	558.89
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 5.90%, 25 Feb 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	995.03
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 8.40%, 23 Jan 2025	5,00,000	-	-	200	1,019.34
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 7.50%, 08 Jan 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,012.23
Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited, 7.8815%, 17 Feb 2025	10,00,000	-	-	100	1,009.04
Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 7.6%, 6 Jun 2025	10,00,000	100	1,061.84	-	-
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, 7.40%, 02 Jul 2025	10,00,000	100	1,061.19	-	-
Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 7.9%, 19 Sep 2025	10,00,000	100	1,036.49	-	-
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, 8.90%, 27 Oct 2025	10,00,000	10	104.44	-	-
Muthoot Finance Ltd 2025, 7.75%, 30 Sep 2025	10,00,000	100	1,036.76	-	-
Shriram Finance Ltd 2025, 8.95%, 28 Apr 2025	10,00,000	10	100.03	-	-
Shriram Finance Ltd 2025, 9.25%, 19 Dec 2025	10,00,000	100	1,028.53	-	-
Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited SR III NCD, 0%, 29 Jan 2026	10,00,000	35	327.72	-	-
HDFC Credila Financial Services, 9.03%, 04 Mar 2026	1,00,000	1,000	1,010.35	-	-
Cholamandalam Investment & Fin Company Ltd, 8.50%, 27 Mar 2026	1,00,000	500	501.61	-	-
Total (B)			8,309.84		10,027.06
Investments in Commercial papers					
Standard Chartered Capital Limited, 07 Aug 2024	5,00,000	-	-	200	971.23
ICICI Securities Limited, 21 May 2024	5,00,000	-	-	200	988.34
Julius Baer Capital India Private Limited, 27 Aug 2024	4,80,769	-	-	208	1,005.23

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Pirmal Enterprises Limited, 14 Jan 2026	5,00,000	100	468.09	-	-
Standard Chartered Capital Limited, 15 Jan 2026	5,00,000	300	1,406.45	-	-
Mirae Asset Financials Service India Pvt Ltd, 11 Jul 2025	5,00,000	500	2,441.71	-	-
Total (C)			4,316.25		2,964.80
Unquoted instruments at FVTPL					
Investments in Mutual funds					
Abakkaus Diversified Alpha Fund		19,906	307.23	19,906	285.80
Aditya Birla Sun life Crisil IBX AAA NBFC HFC Index Sep 2026 fund		89,27,653	927.01	-	-
Aditya Birla Sun life Crisil IBX Gilt Apr 2029 Index fund - Direct Growth		-	-	29,41,619	331.68
Aditya Birla Sun life Crisil IBX Gilt Apr 2033 Index fund		1,43,95,707	1,624.81	39,99,800	410.84
Aditya Birla Sun life NIFTY SDL Sep 2025 Index fund - Direct Growth		-	-	49,99,750	556.46
Aditya Birla Sun life NIFTY SDL Sep 2027 Index fund - Direct Growth		9,99,950	117.92	9,99,950	108.70
Aditya Birla India Equity Services Fund - Class C1		99,695	127.10	99,695	129.34
Aditya Birla Sun Life Arbitrage Fund		-	-	40,08,050	1,043.34
Aditya Birla Sun Life Banking & PSU Debt Fund		1,10,159	409.97	-	-
Aditya Birla Sun Life Crisil IBX Financial Services 9 to 12 Months Debt Index Fund		1,54,13,787	1,547.19	-	-
Aditya Birla Sun Life Long Duration Fund		1,04,45,971	1,339.54	1,04,45,971	1,217.51
Aditya Birla Sun Life Savings Fund		1,37,323	750.68	4,24,576	2,149.20
Aditya Birla Sun life Corporate Bond Fund		29,88,621	3,360.77	4,90,384	506.30
Aditya Birla Sun life Fixed Term plan - Series UB (1224days) - Direct Growth		49,99,750	589.08	49,99,750	546.87
Aditya Birla Sun life Fixed Term plan - Series UJ (1110 days) - Direct Growth		89,99,550	1,043.61	89,99,550	968.06
Aditya Birla Sun life Low Duration Fund		2,12,026	1,508.92	-	-
Aditya Birla Sun life Money Manager Fund - Growth - Direct		-	-	2,65,343	904.26
Alphamine Absolute Return Fund		15,00,008	1,605.89	99,995	107.85
Axis Corporate Bond Fund		-	-	26,24,300	424.43
AXIS Crisil IBX AAA Bond Financial Services Sep 2027 Index Fund		29,99,850	308.89	-	-
AXIS Treasury Advantage Fund		25,281	802.73	-	-
Bajaj Finserv Banking and PSU Fund		64,78,052	728.24	9,99,950	103.44
Bajaj Finserv Money Market Fund		9,693	110.32	66,652	703.29
Baroda BNP Paribas Low Duration Fund		11,84,935	509.14	-	-
Baroda BNP Paribas Arbitrage Fund		-	-	1,40,19,458	2,165.35
Baroda BNP Paribas Corporate Bond Fund		38,38,490	1,091.99	-	-

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Baroda bnp Paribas Gilt Fund		70,46,907	3,238.74	58,69,878	2,453.67
Baroda BNP Paribas Ultra Short Duration Fund		-	-	58,331	830.46
Buoyant OS 19 Nov 2022 class A1		2,59,765	346.87	2,59,765	322.14
DSP Savings Fund		-	-	10,14,726	502.10
DSP Corporate Bond Fund		40,83,445	647.71	21,50,230	315.62
DSP Low Duration Fund		81,17,597	1,628.83	-	-
DSP Strategic Bond Fund		18,930	672.28	-	-
DSP Ultra Short Fund- Direct plan - Growth		15,358	557.94	38,087	1,282.16
Emkay Emerging Star Fund - V -		4,01,055	444.08	4,01,055	436.73
Emkay Emerging Star Fund - VI - AIF		3,57,840	387.48	1,63,734	175.22
HDFC Long Duration Debt Fund		99,15,275	1,218.26	99,15,275	1,112.42
HDFC Nifty G-Sec APR 2029 Index Direct Growth		40,04,691	477.56	40,04,691	437.81
HDFC Ultra Short Duration Fund		26,50,753	402.47	-	-
Helios India Long Short Fund		4,99,975	487.65	1,99,990	199.99
ICICI Prudential Large & Midcap Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		69,570	717.66	64,670	592.41
ICICI Prudential All Seasons Fund		9,37,846	366.29	11,89,981	424.45
ICICI Prudential Banking & Financial Services Fund-Direct Plan-Growth		3,56,204	490.39	3,26,214	390.05
ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund		32,32,097	987.45	1,45,80,407	4,103.74
ICICI PRUDENTIAL CRISIL IBX FINANACIAL SERVICES 3-6 MONTHS DEBT INDEX FUND		34,99,825	351.28	-	-
ICICI Prudential Equity Savings Fund		13,03,149	304.81	-	-
ICICI Prudential Gilt Fund		18,48,612	2,004.86	18,48,612	1,835.45
ICICI Prudential Long Term Bond Fund		3,42,510	332.29	3,42,510	300.89
ICICI Savings Fund		93,564	504.89	-	-
Idfc Crisil Ibx Gilt April 2028 Index Fund Direct Plan -Growth		-	-	92,61,369	1,090.56
InCred Liquid Alternative Fund - I		9,318	109.31	18,488	200.77
Kotak Emerging Equity Fund - Direct plan- Growth		6,60,726	900.89	6,39,957	748.86
Kotak Equity Arbitrage Fund		-	-	15,36,862	559.21
Kotak Flexicap Fund - Direct Growth		9,15,322	795.77	9,04,298	719.65
Kotak Iconic Fund Class D1		373	470.14	168	206.94
Kotak Long Duration Fund		49,99,750	550.81	49,99,750	501.86
Kotak Low Duration Fund		29,033	1,035.47	-	-
Kotak Nifty g-sec apr 2033 Index Fund		19,99,900	230.98	19,99,900	210.27
Mirae Asset Arbitrage Fund		-	-	1,36,60,177	1,680.48
Mirae Asset Large Cap Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		6,42,275	755.35	6,42,275	689.41
Mirae Asset Long Duration Fund		29,99,850	309.28	-	-
Mirae Asset Low Duration Fund		1,07,155	2,579.26	-	-
MIRAE ASSET Money Market Fund		47,992	601.15	-	-

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5. Investments (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Face Value ₹	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
		Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Mirae Asset Nifty SDL Jun 2027 Index Fund Direct Plan - Growth		79,13,889	953.57	1,21,02,055	1,343.59
Mirae Asset Ultra Short Duration Fund		2,47,379	3,207.61	3,57,647	4,296.81
Nippon India Arbitrage Fund		-	-	19,75,989	516.45
Nippon India Corporate Bond Fund		8,32,271	511.54	94,73,877	5,343.11
Nippon India Credit opportunities AIF - Scheme 1		4,500	450.78	-	-
Nippon India Credit opportunities AIF - Scheme 1		10,000	1,022.00	-	-
Nippon India Credit opportunities AIF - Scheme 9		1,99,990	184.30	-	-
Nippon India Credit opportunities AIF - Scheme 1		5,000	512.43	-	-
Nippon India Credit opportunities AIF - Scheme 1		5,000	509.93	-	-
NIPPON INDIA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES AIF - SCH 1 (50676)		5,000	511.23	-	-
Nippon India ETF Nifty Bees		73,000	192.14	73,000	180.28
Nippon India Low Duration Fund		13,102	509.05	-	-
Nippon India Nifty g sec jun 2036 Maturity Index Fund		1,13,47,250	1,401.60	1,13,47,250	1,269.85
Nippon India Nivesh Lakshya Fund		24,37,981	441.08	24,37,981	401.40
Northern Arc Money Market Alpha Trust Cat3Class A6		16,19,785	1,736.48	7,94,595	802.55
Nuvama Crossover Opportunities Fund Series III		30,44,210	332.18	28,58,968	333.13
SBI ETF Nifty and Open ended		1,00,000	248.83	1,00,000	233.54
SBI Fixed Maturity Plan (FMP)- Series 66 (1361 days) Dir Gro		89,99,550	1,093.00	89,99,550	1,013.47
SBI Magnum Low Duration Fund		11,274	401.10	-	-
Sundaram Money Market Fund		27,26,294	403.48	-	-
Tata Arbitrage Fund		-	-	45,48,087	624.43
Tata Corporate Bond Fund		-	-	2,06,09,782	2,336.68
Tata Crisil IBX Gilt Index- Apr 2026 Index fund- Direct Plan -Growth		-	-	4,09,95,670	4,568.43
Tata Digital India Fund Direct Plan Growth		17,83,660	925.85	17,06,533	826.59
Tata Equity plus Absolute Returns Fund		-	-	10,000	100.51
Tata Gilt Securities Fund		-	-	6,44,111	505.91
Tata Ultra Short Term Fund		-	-	70,90,632	959.43
Total(D)			59,267.37		60,642.20
Aggregate carrying value of unquoted current investments (E) = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)			74,454.86		85,661.58
Aggregate book value of:					
Quoted investments			11,572.83		8,790.14
Unquoted Investments			79,342.55		94,086.54
Aggregate market value of:					
Quoted Investments			11,572.83		8,790.14
Aggregate amount of impairment in value of Investments			1,538.37		1,538.37

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6. Loans

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Current		
Loans		
Considered good - Unsecured		
Loans to employees	135.06	148.46
TOTAL	135.06	148.46

7. Other financial assets

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Non-current		
Security deposits		
- Unsecured, considered good	491.69	481.15
TOTAL	491.69	481.15
Current		
a) Security deposits		
- Unsecured, considered good	97.16	93.29
b) Advances to employees	2.67	9.70
c) Derivative Financial Instruments (at fair value through Statement of Profit and Loss)	49.24	9.88
d) Interest accrued on deposits and others	129.00	125.19
TOTAL	278.07	238.06

8. Other assets

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Non-current		
Security deposits		
a) Capital advances	3,930.37	3,185.30
b) Prepaid expenses	45.76	58.53
c) Balances with statutory / government authorities	3,204.82	3,367.50
TOTAL	7,180.95	6,611.33
Current		
a) Advances recoverable in cash or in kind		
- Considered good	2,343.69	3,308.63
- Considered credit impaired	18.03	18.03
	2,361.72	3,326.66
Less: Provision for credit impaired loans and advances	18.03	18.03
	2,343.69	3,308.63
b) Prepaid expenses	301.09	301.36
c) Balances with statutory / government authorities	9,591.24	5,915.18
d) Others		
- Export benefits receivable	2.06	18.14
- Balance with DEMAT Broker	19.97	25.04
TOTAL	12,258.05	9,568.35

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9. Inventories

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
(at lower of cost and net realisable value)		
(a) Raw materials	17,211.24	11,719.40
(b) Work-in-progress	2,217.44	1,374.64
(c) Finished goods	5,206.15	1,283.59
(d) Stores and spares (includes fuel)	7,386.10	8,269.78
Add : Goods in transit (includes Raw materials and Stores and spares)	192.67	1,050.98
TOTAL	32,213.60	23,698.39

Notes:

- (i) The cost of inventories recognised as an expense during the year has been disclosed on the face of the Statement of Profit and Loss.
- (ii) There are no inventories expected to be recovered after more than twelve months.

10. Trade receivables

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Trade receivables		
(a) Secured - Considered good	2,304.75	2,169.77
(b) Unsecured - Considered good	8,557.76	3,922.98
(c) Which have significant increase in Credit risk	-	-
(d) Credit impaired	-	86.71
Less: Impairment loss on credit impaired trade receivables	-	86.71
TOTAL	10,862.51	6,092.75

Ageing for trade receivables outstanding as at March 31, 2025 is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not due	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	
Undisputed trade receivables – considered good	10,861.96	0.51	0.04	-	-	-	10,862.51
Undisputed trade receivables – credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed trade receivables – credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10,861.96	0.51	0.04	-	-	-	10,862.51
Less: Impairment loss on credit impaired trade receivables							-
							10,862.51

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10. Trade receivables (Cont'd)

Ageing for trade receivables outstanding as at March 31, 2024 is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not due	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	More than 3 years	
Undisputed trade receivables – considered good	6,017.25	16.78	3.16	57.42	4.09	-	6,098.70
Undisputed trade receivables – credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed trade receivables – credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	80.76	80.76
TOTAL	6,017.25	16.78	3.16	57.42	4.09	80.76	6,179.46
Less: Impairment loss on credit impaired trade receivables							(86.71)
							6,092.75

Notes:

- The average credit period on sale is 20 days. No interest is charged on trade receivables for the first 30 days from the date of the invoice. Thereafter, interest is charged at 18% per annum on the outstanding balance.
- Before accepting any new customer, the Company has a credit evaluating system to assess the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits by customer. Limits and scoring attributed to customers are reviewed twice a year. Of the trade receivables balance, ₹2,104.44 Lakhs (as at March 31, 2024: ₹2,185.95 Lakhs) is due from customers who represent more than 5% of the total balance of trade receivables.
- The Company maintains an allowance of credit impaired accounts based on financial condition of the customer, ageing of customer receivable and overdue, available collaterals and historical experience of collections from customers. Accordingly, the Company creates provision towards credit impaired trade receivables after recovering the underlying collaterals. Besides, the Company has used a practical expedient by computing the expected credit loss allowance for trade receivables based on a historical loss rate method. The historical loss rate takes into account historical credit loss experience and adjusted for forward-looking information. The expected credit loss allowance is based on the average loss rate of the collections against the receivables.

Movement in the Impairment loss on credit impaired trade receivables

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of the year	86.71	89.65
Movement in the Impairment loss on credit impaired trade receivables (Net)	(86.71)	(2.94)
Balance at end of the year	-	86.71

The Concentration of credit risk is limited to the fact that the customer base is large and unrelated.

11. Cash and cash equivalents

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
a) Cash on hand	1.50	0.83
b) Balances with Banks		
-in Current accounts	356.09	165.51
-in EEFC accounts	19.42	438.04
-in demand deposit accounts with original maturity of less than 3 months	-	501.00
TOTAL	377.01	1,105.38

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12. Bank balances other than Cash and Cash Equivalents

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
In other deposit accounts		
- Term deposits with original maturity of more than 3 months *	-	1,000.00
In earmarked accounts:		
- Unclaimed / unpaid dividend account	39.32	24.56
- Balances held as margin money or security against guarantees and other commitments	354.43	495.60
TOTAL	393.75	1,520.16

* Includes term deposits ₹ Nil (March 31, 2024: ₹ Nil) of original maturity of more than 12 months.

13. (Income-tax assets (net)) / Current tax liabilities (net)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Tax assets		
Advance tax (including TDS receivable)	45,054.90	54,637.47
Tax liabilities		
Provision for income tax	45,195.46	52,784.76
TOTAL	140.56	(1,852.71)

14. Equity share capital

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Authorised Share capital :		
20,00,00,000 fully paid up equity shares of ₹2 each (as at March 31, 2024: 4,00,00,000 of ₹10 each)	4,000.00	4,000.00
5,00,000 Redeemable cumulative preference shares of ₹100 each	500.00	500.00
Issued and subscribed capital comprises:		
19,88,50,195 fully paid up equity shares of ₹2 each (as at March 31, 2024: 3,97,70,039 of ₹10 each)	3,977.00	3,977.00
TOTAL	3,977.00	3,977.00

Notes:

14.1 Reconciliation of the authorised equity shares at the beginning and at the end of the year:

Particulars	Number of shares	Share capital (Amount)
Balance at April 01, 2023 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	4,00,00,000	4,000
Changes during the year	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2024 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	4,00,00,000	4,000
Sub-division of 1 share of face value ₹10 each into 5 shares of face value ₹2 each effective September 11, 2024 (Increase in number of shares on account of sub-division)*	16,00,00,000	-
Balance at March 31, 2025 (Face Value of ₹2 each)	20,00,00,000	4,000

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14. Equity share capital (Contd.)

14.2 Reconciliation of equity shares outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the year:

Particulars	Number of shares	Share capital (Amount)
Balance at April 01, 2023 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	3,97,70,039	3,977
Changes during the year	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2024 (Face Value of ₹10 each)	3,97,70,039	3,977
Sub-division of 1 share of face value ₹10 each into 5 shares of face value ₹2 each effective September 11, 2024 (Increase in number of shares on account of sub-division)*	15,90,80,156	-
Balance at March 31, 2025 (Face Value of ₹2 each)	19,88,50,195	3,977

*The Shareholders of the Company at the 60th Annual General Meeting held on August 12, 2024, had approved the sub-division of one equity share of face value ₹10 each into 5 equity shares of face value ₹2 each. The record date for the said sub-division was set at September 11, 2024.

14.3 Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to the equity shares

The Company has only one class of issued, subscribed and fully paid up equity shares having a face value of ₹2 each per share. Each holder of equity shares is entitled to one vote per share. The dividend (other than interim dividend) proposed, if any, by the Board of Directors is subject to the approval of the Shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting. In the event of liquidation of the Company, the holders of equity shares will be entitled to receive remaining assets of the Company, after distribution of all preferential amounts. The distribution will be in proportion to number of equity shares held by the shareholders.

14.4 Equity shares held by the holding company

Name of the Shareholder	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
West Coast Paper Mills Limited, fully paid up equity shares of ₹2 each (as at March 31, 2024: face value of ₹10 each)	14,40,63,000	2,87,58,400

14.5 Details of shares held by each shareholder holding more than 5% of the aggregate shares in the Company

Name of the Shareholder	As at March 31, 2025		As at March 31, 2024	
	Number of shares	% holding of equity shares	Number of Shares	% holding of equity shares
West Coast Paper Mills Limited	14,40,63,000	72.45	2,87,58,400	72.31

14.6 Details of shareholding of Promoters

Promoter Name	As at March 31, 2025		% Change during the year
	Number of shares	% of total shares	
West Coast Paper Mills Limited	14,40,63,000	72.45	0.19%

Promoter Name	As at March 31, 2025		% Change during the year
	Number of shares	% of total shares	
West Coast Paper Mills Limited	2,87,58,400	72.31	0.07%

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15. Other equity

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Securities premium	18,211.13	18,211.13
Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income	1,888.99	2,040.88
Retained earnings	1,69,833.60	1,64,919.53
Reserve for remeasurement of net defined benefit plan	(425.36)	(426.46)
Capital redemption reserve	598.00	598.00
TOTAL	1,90,106.36	1,85,343.08

Notes:

15.1 Securities premium

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of year	18,211.13	18,211.13
Movements during the year	-	-
Balance at end of year	18,211.13	18,211.13

Security premium reserve represents the amount received in excess of the face value of the equity shares. The utilisation of the security premium reserve is governed by the Section 52 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act").

15.2 Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of year	2,040.88	(61.43)
Net fair value gain on investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI	(442.25)	2,726.03
Income tax on net fair value gain on investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI	290.36	(623.72)
Balance at end of year	1,888.99	2,040.88

This reserve represents the cumulative gains and losses arising on the revaluation of equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

15.3 Retained earnings

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of year	1,64,919.53	1,35,916.86
Profit for the year	8,891.07	33,973.92
Dividend on equity shares	(3,977.00)	(4,971.25)
Balance at end of year	1,69,833.60	1,64,919.53

Retained earnings represent the Company's undistributed earnings after taxes.

In respect of the year ended March 31, 2025, the directors in their meeting held on May 08, 2025 have proposed a dividend of ₹1 per equity share of face value of ₹2 each. The proposed equity dividend is subject to approval by the shareholders at the Annual General meeting (AGM) and has not been included as a liability in these financial statements. The total estimated amount to be paid with respect to dividend is ₹1,988.50 Lakhs. In respect of the year ended March 31, 2024, the directors proposed a final dividend of ₹10 per equity share of face value of ₹10 each which was approved by the shareholders in the Annual General meeting (AGM) held on August 12, 2024. The total amount of such dividend paid is ₹3,977.00 Lakhs.

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15. Other equity (Cont'd)

15.4 Reserve for remeasurement of net defined benefit plan

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of year	(426.46)	(424.50)
Remeasurement of defined benefit plan	1.47	(2.62)
Related income tax	(0.37)	0.66
Balance at end of year	(425.36)	(426.46)

15.5 Capital redemption reserve

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Balance at beginning of year	598.00	598.00
Movements during the year	-	-
Balance at end of year	598.00	598.00

Capital redemption reserve has been created pursuant to the requirements of the Act under which the Company is required to transfer certain amounts on redemption of preference shares. The Company has redeemed the underlying preference shares in the earlier years. The capital redemption reserve can be utilised for issue of bonus shares.

16. Non-current borrowings

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Non-current		
Secured – at amortised cost		
Term loans from banks [Refer Notes below]	19,442.81	5,236.94
Unsecured – at amortised cost		
Deferred payment liabilities	282.02	515.70
	19,724.83	5,752.64
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt	6,182.36	1,022.78
TOTAL	13,542.47	4,729.86

Notes:

- Term loan from IDBI bank of ₹8,922.23 Lakhs (31 March 2024: ₹5,236.94 Lakhs) is secured by way of first pari passu charge by way of hypothecation on specific moveable plant & machinery procured out of the term loan and is repayable in 20 equal quarterly instalments starting from 01 August 2024 to 01 May 2029.
- Term loan from IDBI bank of ₹3,501.49 Lakhs (31 March 2024: Nil) is secured by way of first pari passu charge by way of hypothecation on specific moveable plant & machinery procured out of the term loan and is repayable in 18 equal quarterly instalments starting from 01 February 2025 to 01 May 2029.
- Term loan from IDBI bank of ₹412.34 Lakhs (31 March 2024: Nil) is secured by way of first pari passu charge by way of hypothecation on specific moveable plant & machinery procured out of the term loan and is repayable in 17 equal quarterly instalments starting from 01 February 2025 to 01 May 2029.
- Term loan from State Bank of India of ₹4,456.75 Lakhs (31 March 2024: Nil) is secured by way of first pari passu charge by way of hypothecation on specific moveable plant & machinery procured out of the term loan and is repayable in 20 equal quarterly instalments starting from 25 July 2024 to 25 April 2029.
- Term loan from Standard Chartered Bank of ₹2,150.00 Lakhs (31 March 2024: Nil) is secured by way of exclusive charge by way of hypothecation on existing and future moveable Fixed Assets relating to Tissue Paper Project and is repayable in 14 equal quarterly instalments starting from 29 June 2026 to 27 September 2029.

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17. Current borrowings

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Secured – at amortised cost		
Buyers Credit from Banks [Refer Note below (i)]	1,438.16	4,994.80
Unsecured – at amortised cost		
Working capital demand loan [Refer Note below (ii)]	3,000.00	-
Suppliers Credit from Banks [Refer Note below (iii)]	3,554.93	-
Current maturities of long-term debt	6,182.36	1,022.78
TOTAL	14,175.45	6,017.58

Notes:

- (i) Buyers Credit from IDBI bank of ₹1,438.16 Lakhs (31 March 2024: ₹4,994.80 Lakhs) is secured by means of first pari passu charge by way of hypothecation on specific moveable plant & machinery procured out of the buyers credit.
- (ii) For the financial year 2024-25, working capital demand loan availed from Yes Bank.
- (iii) Suppliers Credit of ₹3,554.93 Lakhs (31 March 2024: Nil) is availed from Standard Chartered Bank.

18. Lease liabilities

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Non-current		
Lease liabilities (Refer Note 36)	406.83	534.95
TOTAL	406.83	534.95
Current		
Lease liabilities (Refer Note 36)	128.11	166.91
TOTAL	128.11	166.91

19. Trade payables

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
(i) total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises (MSME) (Refer Note 39)	2,124.86	3,047.40
(ii) total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	16,816.08	19,708.70
TOTAL	18,940.94	22,756.10

Ageing for trade payables outstanding as at March 31, 2025 is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Outstanding for the following periods from the due date of payment						Total
	Unbilled	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
Trade payables							
(i) MSME	-	1,393.20	625.37	58.31	13.18	34.81	2,124.86
(ii) Others	12,023.91	3,970.18	645.69	58.02	19.93	98.36	16,816.08
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	12,023.91	5,363.37	1,271.06	116.33	33.10	133.17	18,940.94

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19. Trade payables (Cont'd)

Ageing for trade payables outstanding as at March 31, 2024 is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Outstanding for the following periods from the due date of payment						Total
	Unbilled	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
Trade payables							
(i) MSME	-	1,677.39	1,309.87	25.34	18.95	15.85	3,047.40
(ii) Others	14,072.48	4,172.83	1,336.04	24.26	40.62	62.47	19,708.70
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14,072.48	5,850.22	2,645.91	49.60	59.57	78.32	22,756.10

20. Other financial liabilities

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Non-current		
- Deferred Government Grant	-	58.09
TOTAL	-	58.09
Current		
a) Current maturities of deferred government grant	58.09	58.09
b) Interest accrued but not due on borrowings	119.30	63.69
c) Interest on MSME payables	24.71	24.52
d) Others :-		
(i) Trade / security deposits received	2,766.48	3,086.66
(ii) Payables on purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,581.52	3,558.72
(iii) Contractually reimbursable expenses	0.92	29.51
e) Unpaid dividend	39.32	24.56
TOTAL	4,590.34	6,845.75

21. Provisions

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Current		
Employee benefits: (Refer Note 33)		
- Gratuity	276.02	246.09
- Compensated absences	212.06	252.02
Provisions:		
For contingencies (Refer Note 40)	1,090.66	1,090.66
For others (disputed dues) (Refer Note 46)	2,357.42	2,357.42
TOTAL	3,936.16	3,946.19

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22. Other current liabilities

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
a) Advances from customers	159.47	430.67
b) Other payables		
-Statutory remittances	312.99	330.91
-Others*	1,647.01	1,627.78
TOTAL	2,119.47	2,389.36

* Others include liabilities created on account of demands received in respect of excise, property tax, water cess etc.

23. Deferred tax liabilities (net)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	8,398.90	8,330.26
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	8,398.90	8,330.26

2024-25	Opening balance	Recognised in statement of profit and loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Closing balance
Deferred tax (liabilities) /assets in relation to:				
Property, plant and equipment	(7,776.05)	(139.39)	-	(7,915.44)
Disallowances under Income-tax Act, 1961, allowed on payment basis	616.98	65.39	-	682.37
Long-term capital loss carried forward	22.75	-	-	22.75
Financial assets at FVTOCI	(605.55)	-	290.36	(315.19)
Provision for credit impaired balances	26.25	(21.70)	-	4.55
Financial assets at FVTPL	(1,016.53)	(134.14)	-	(1,150.67)
Others	401.89	(129.16)	-	272.73
Total	(8,330.26)	(359.00)	290.36	(8,398.90)

2023-24	Opening balance	Recognised in statement of profit and loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Closing balance
Deferred tax (liabilities) /assets in relation to:				
Property, plant and equipment	(7,887.68)	111.63	-	(7,776.05)
Disallowances under Income-tax Act, 1961, allowed on payment basis	410.36	206.62	-	616.98
Long-term capital loss carried forward	22.75	-	-	22.75
Financial assets at FVTOCI	18.17	-	(623.72)	(605.55)
Provision for credit impaired balances	22.58	3.67	-	26.25
Financial assets at FVTPL	(180.83)	(835.70)	-	(1,016.53)
Others	398.99	2.90	-	401.89
Total	(7,195.67)	(510.89)	(623.72)	(8,330.26)

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24. Revenue from operations

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
(a) Sale of products - [Refer Note (i) below]	1,52,226.85	1,78,325.79
(b) Other operating revenues - [Refer Note (ii) below]	1,897.25	1,732.18
TOTAL	1,54,124.10	1,80,057.97
Notes:		
(i) Sale of products comprise of sale of paper and paperboard		
(ii) Other operating revenues comprises:		
Export incentives	66.98	261.17
Sale of scrap	1,830.27	1,471.01
TOTAL	1,897.25	1,732.18

25. Other income

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
a) Interest income earned on financial assets that are not designated as fair value through profit or loss	1.08	0.92
b) Interest income	2,196.90	4,033.07
c) Unwinding of discount on deferred payment liabilities	58.09	58.09
d) Profit on sale of current investments	4,451.67	1,177.92
e) Net gain on financial assets designated on FVTPL	739.52	3,320.48
f) Fair valuation adjustments of derivatives (forward cover) designated as FVTPL	39.37	9.88
g) Liabilities / provisions no longer required written back	884.93	590.73
h) Net gain on foreign currency transactions and translations	-	58.92
i) Dividend income on equity shares	339.56	160.35
j) Interest on income tax refund	71.06	-
k) Miscellaneous income	90.83	84.60
TOTAL	8,873.01	9,494.96

26. Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Inventories at the beginning of the year		
- Work-in-progress	1,374.64	1,082.13
- Finished goods	1,283.59	123.75
	2,658.23	1,205.88
Inventories at the end of the year		
- Work-in-progress	2,217.44	1,374.64
- Finished goods	5,206.15	1,283.59
	7,423.59	2,658.23
Changes in inventories	(4,765.36)	(1,452.35)
TOTAL	(4,765.36)	(1,452.35)

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27. Employee benefits expense

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Salaries, wages and bonus	15,007.70	15,021.34
Provident and family pension funds (Refer Note 33)	737.21	734.58
Employee state insurance	16.32	18.51
Gratuity fund	279.34	247.19
Superannuation fund	11.82	12.78
Employee group insurance	253.32	228.46
Compensated absences	212.06	255.72
Staff welfare expense	362.44	380.18
Cost of deputed personnel	32.00	32.00
TOTAL	16,912.21	16,930.76

28. Finance costs

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Interest on bank overdrafts and loans	1,263.64	77.26
Interest on income tax	-	5.92
Other interest expense	177.52	200.08
Exchange differences adjusted to borrowing costs	222.80	-
Interest on lease liabilities	39.47	51.84
Interest cost on deferred payment liabilities	39.49	52.79
Bank and finance charges	46.55	53.60
TOTAL	1,789.47	441.49

29. Depreciation and amortisation expense

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Refer Note 3)	8,591.56	6,340.06
Amortisation of right-of-use assets (Refer Note 4)	166.09	167.70
Amortisation of intangible assets (Refer Note 4a)	74.39	79.46
TOTAL	8,832.04	6,587.22

30. Other expenses

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Consumption of stores, spares	4,475.31	6,413.71
Repairs and maintenance		
- Buildings	797.14	1,366.22
- Plant and machinery	2,728.54	3,774.89
- Others	347.63	226.51
Operating service expenses	3,676.94	3,885.71
Conversion / processing charges	402.39	381.48
Forwarding, transportation and other sales expenses	705.83	1,024.16
Rates and taxes	375.30	319.17
Royalty	-	19.79
Rent	165.16	141.55
Insurance	496.35	564.95
Research and development	172.46	116.60

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30. Other expenses (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Legal and professional charges	634.10	570.76
Cost auditor's remuneration and expenses	4.25	4.50
Directors' sitting fees	19.00	19.75
Net loss on foreign currency transactions / translations	11.53	-
Auditors remuneration (Refer Note 38)	40.70	39.10
Travelling and conveyance	170.60	153.03
Corporate social responsibility expenses (Refer Note 48)	881.07	599.50
Loss on sale / scrap of property, plant and equipment's (net)	487.18	120.28
Loss allowance for expected credit loss on investment	-	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,454.20	1,439.52
TOTAL	18,045.68	21,186.18

31. Tax expense

A. Amounts recognised in Statement of profit or loss

i) Income tax recognised in the Statement of profit or loss

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Current Tax	2,457.41	11,079.48
Deferred tax	359.00	510.89
Total income tax expense recognised	2,816.41	11,590.37

ii) Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Tax related to items recognised in OCI		
Deferred tax expenses on fair value gain on investments in equity instruments through OCI	290.36	(623.72)
Current tax expenses / benefit on remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(0.37)	0.66
Income tax recognised in OCI	289.99	(623.06)

B. The income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Profit before tax (A)	11,707.48	45,564.29
Enacted tax rate (B)	25.17%	25.17%
Expected Tax Expenses (C=A * B)	2,946.54	11,467.62
Adjustments		
Effect of change in tax rate on capital gain	138.84	-
Adjustment relating to prior year taxation	(187.86)	-
Deferred tax assets not recognised on various items during the previous year	(222.17)	-
Effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	226.71	152.44
Tax effects of other adjustments	(85.66)	(29.69)
Total Adjustments - D	(130.13)	122.75
Tax expense recognised in profit or loss (E=C+D)	2,816.41	11,590.37

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32. Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

A. Contingent Liabilities (to the extent not provided for):

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Claims against the Company not acknowledged as debt:			
- Matters under litigation			
a.	Income tax matters	77.34	51.86
b.	Excise duty claims disputed by the Company relating to issues of applicability, classification and valuation	1,559.93	1,659.11
c.	Sales tax claims disputed by the Company relating to issues of applicability, royalty and discounts	600.29	758.82
d.	Electricity duty towards consumption of energy generated by captive power unit (Refer Note 46)	1,571.62	1,571.62
e.	Other matters (third party claims, interest on royalty, ex-employees claims etc.,)	2,362.23	2,364.66

The amounts disclosed above represent best estimates and the uncertainties are dependent on the outcome of the legal processes initiated by the Company or the claimant as the case may be.

B. Commitments:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Estimated amounts of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for (net of advances)		19,708.04	12,457.39

C. Other Commitments:

The Company has applied for benefits under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme to import capital goods by availing customs duty exemption as per terms of Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No: 16/2015 dated 01.04.2015 under which it has an export obligation of six times the duty saved on import of capital goods on Free on Board (FOB) basis within a period of six years. In the event of failure of the export obligation as specified in the said notification and license, the Company is liable to pay duties of customs proportionate to duty saved amount on total unfulfilled Export Obligation and also interest @ 15% P.A. The management believes that it will be able to comply with aforesaid regulations and hence no adjustments have been made to the financial statements.

33. Employee Benefits

A. Defined contribution plans:

Provident fund:

The Company contributed ₹126.33 Lakhs (Previous year: ₹265.88 Lakhs) to the Provident Fund Trust maintained by the Company and ₹610.88 Lakhs (Previous year: ₹469.14 lakh) to Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, which was recognised as an expense in Statement of Profit and Loss during the year.

Superannuation:

The Company recognized ₹11.82 Lakhs (Previous year: ₹12.78 Lakhs) as an expense towards contribution as superannuation in the Statement of Profit and Loss during the year.

Employee State Insurance:

The Company recognized ₹16.32 Lakhs (Previous year: ₹18.51 Lakhs) as an expense towards Employee State Insurance in the Statement of Profit and Loss during the year.

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33. Employee Benefits (Contd.)

B. Defined benefit plans

Amounts recognised in statement of profit and loss in respect of these defined benefit i.e. Gratuity plans are as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Current service cost	267.02	231.71
Net interest expense	12.32	15.48
Components of defined benefit costs recognised in statement of profit and loss	279.34	247.19
Re-measurement on the net defined benefit liability:		
- Return on plan assets (greater)/less than discount rate	(35.25)	(91.31)
- Actuarial losses arising from experience adjustments	(38.11)	0.50
- Actuarial (gains) / losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	71.89	93.44
Components of defined benefit costs recognised in other comprehensive income	(1.47)	2.63
Total	(277.87)	(249.82)

The current service cost and the net interest expense for the year are included in the 'Employee benefits expense' line item in the Statement of profit and loss.

The re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability is included in other comprehensive income.

The amount included in the balance sheet arising from the entity's obligation in respect of its defined benefit plans is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Present value of defined benefit obligation	3,496.02	3,256.33
Fair value of plan assets	3,220.00	3,010.24
Net liability arising from defined benefit obligation	(276.02)	(246.09)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Opening defined benefit obligation	3,256.33	3,103.83
Current service cost	267.02	231.71
Interest cost	219.29	212.33
Actuarial losses arising from experience adjustments	(38.11)	0.50
Actuarial (gains) / losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	71.89	93.44
Benefits paid	(280.40)	(385.48)
Closing defined benefit obligation	3,496.02	3,256.33

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33. Employee Benefits (Cont'd)

Movements in the fair value of the plan assets are as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Opening fair value of plan assets	3,010.24	2,823.76
Interest income	206.97	196.86
Contributions from the employer	247.94	283.78
Return on plan assets (greater)/less than discount rate	35.25	91.32
Benefits paid	(280.40)	(385.48)
Closing fair value of plan assets	3,220.00	3,010.24

Composition of plan assets:

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Insurer managed funds	100.00%	100.00%
	100.00%	100.00%

The principal assumptions used for the purposes of the actuarial valuations were as follows:

Particulars	March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024	
Discount rate	6.95%		7.20%	
Estimated rate of return on plan assets	7.00%		7.00%	
Salary escalation rate	7.00%		7.00%	
Mortality rate	Indian Assured Lives Mortality (IALM) (2012-14) Ult. Modified			
Attrition rate	Age	Rate p.a	Age	Rate p.a
	21-30	5%	21-30	5%
	31-40	3%	31-40	3%
	41 & Above	2%	41 & Above	2%

Significant actuarial assumptions for the determination of the defined obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the respective assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period, while holding all other assumptions constant.

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Gratuity plan	
	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
Sensitivity Analysis – DBO at the end of the year		
Discount rate + 100 basis points	(273.17)	(255.32)
Discount rate – 100 basis points	314.60	294.20
Salary rate + 1%	311.32	291.86
Salary rate – 1%	(275.46)	(258.02)

The sensitivity analysis presented above may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as some of the assumptions may be correlated.

Furthermore, in presenting the above sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation has been calculated using the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period, which is the same as that applied in calculating the defined benefit obligation liability recognised in the balance sheet.

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33. Employee Benefits (Cont'd)

There was no change in the methods and assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis from prior years.

There has been no change in the process used by the Company to manage its risks from prior periods.

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Gratuity plan	
	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
Weighted average duration of DBO	8 years	8 years
Expected cash flows		
1. Expected employer contribution in the next year	150.00	150.00
2. Expected benefit payments		
Year 1	456.12	421.25
Year 2	269.08	272.84
Year 3	329.67	258.18
Year 4	305.75	313.27
Year 5	239.27	284.83
Beyond 5 years	1,896.13	1,705.97

C. Compensated Absences

The Leave Benefit Scheme is treated as an Other long term benefit under Ind AS 19 and the actuarial gain/loss are recognised immediately through the statement of Profit and Loss

Particulars	March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024	
Discount rate	6.95%		7.20%	
Salary escalation rate	7.00%		7.00%	
Mortality rate	Indian Assured Lives Mortality (IALM) (2012-14) Ult. Modified			
Attrition rate	Age	Rate p.a	Age	Rate p.a
	21-30	5%	21-30	5%
	31-40	3%	31-40	3%
	41 & Above	2%	41 & Above	2%

34. Segment reporting

Operating Segments

The Chairman and Managing Director of the Company has been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) who evaluates the Company's performance and allocates resources for manufacture and sale of pulp, paper and paperboard. Accordingly, manufacturing and sale of pulp, paper and paperboard is considered as the single operating segment of the Company.

Geographical Information

The Company operates in India and makes certain sales to customers situated outside India. The revenue from external customers by location of customers is detailed below. All the non-current assets of the Company are situated within India.

(₹ in Lakhs)

Revenue from Operations	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
India	1,51,031.69	1,68,737.78
Outside India	3,092.41	11,320.01
Total	1,54,124.10	1,80,057.79

No parties have revenue of 10% or more of gross revenue during the current year and previous year.

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35. Related party disclosures

a. List of related parties and relationships

(i) Holding Company

West Coast Paper Mills Limited

(ii) Subsidiary Company

Andhra Paper Foundation (Refer Note 45)

(iii) Entity where the KMP is in a position to exercise control

Veer Enterprises Limited

Gloster Cables Limited

(iv) Entity where the Company is in a position to exercise control

The Employees Provident Fund of the Andhra Pradesh Paper Mills Limited

(v) Key Management Personnel

- Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur – Chairman & Non- Executive Director¹
- Mr. Virendraa Bangur – Vice Chairman
- Mr. Saurabh Bangur – Managing Director[@]
- Mr. Mukesh Jain – Executive Director
- Mr. Rajesh Bothra – Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Bijay Kumar Sanku – Company Secretary
- Mr. Sudarshan Vijaynarain Somani - Independent Director
- Mr. Arun Kumar Sureka - Independent Director
- Mr. Virendra Sinha – Independent Director
- Mr. Sitaram Sharma – Independent Director[#]
- Mr. Rajendra Jain – Non Executive Director[§]
- Mrs. Papia Sengupta – Independent Director

¹Change in designation from Managing Director to Non-Executive Director w.e.f. November 4, 2024

[@]Change in designation from Joint Managing Director to Managing Director w.e.f. November 4, 2024

[#]Ceased from the directorship w.e.f. March 31, 2025

[§]Resigned from the directorship w.e.f. May 14, 2024

b. Transactions during the year

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Name of the related party	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Sale of pulp	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	-	373.94
Contribution towards provident fund	The Employees Provident Fund of The Andhra Pradesh Paper Mills Limited	126.33	265.88
Rental Income	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	9.61	9.19
Rental Expense	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	46.14	39.85
Professional charges - Management contracts	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	36.80	36.80
Rental Expenses	Veer Enterprises Limited	18.91	17.94
Purchase of Hard wood pulp	West Coast Paper Mills Limited	-	501.83
Purchase of cables	Gloster Cables Limited	209.82	422.25

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35. Related party disclosures (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Name of the related party	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Provision for diminution of Investment	Andhra Paper Foundation	-	5.00
Director's sitting fee	Key Managerial Personnel	19.00	19.75
Remuneration*	Key Managerial Personnel	321.98	313.04
Commission	Key Managerial Personnel (Managing Director)	176.00	614.68

*Note: Remuneration represents salary paid to Managing Director, Executive Director and Company Secretary.

c. Amounts due from / due to related parties

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Name of the related party	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Due to related parties			
Trade Payables	Gloster Cables Limited	172.53	56.64
Due from related parties			
Security Deposits	Veer Enterprises Limited	3.78	3.78

36. Ind AS 116 - Leases where company is a lessee

- i) The following is the breakup of current & non-current lease liabilities as at March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Current lease liabilities	128.11	166.91
Non-current lease liabilities	406.83	534.95
Total	534.94	701.86

- ii) The following is the movement in lease liabilities during the year ended:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Opening balance	701.86	806.07
Add: Lease liabilities recognised during the year	-	47.83
Add: Interest cost accrued during the year	39.47	51.84
Less: Payment of lease liabilities including interest	(206.39)	(203.88)
Balance at the end	534.94	701.86

- iii) Maturity analysis of lease liabilities on an undiscounted basis:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Not later than one Year	158.11	206.40
Later than 1 year and not later than five years	239.08	342.98
Later Than five Years	299.30	353.52
Total lease liabilities	696.49	902.90

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37. Earnings per share

The calculations of profit attributable to equity shareholders and weighted average number of equity shares outstanding for purposes of basic earnings per share calculation are as follows:

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Profit for the year (In ₹ Lakhs)	8,891.07	33,973.92
Weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the year (Nos.) - Basic and Diluted	19,88,50,195	19,88,50,195
Earnings per share (Face value ₹2 per share) Basic and Diluted (₹)	4.47	17.09

The Shareholders of the Company at the 60th Annual General Meeting held on August 12, 2024, had approved the sub-division of one equity share of face value ₹10 each into 5 equity shares of face value ₹2 each. The record date for the said sub-division was set at September 11, 2024. The Earnings per share (EPS) presented for the above periods is after adjusting for the split/ sub-division of equity shares of the company in accordance with Ind AS 33.

38. Auditors remuneration (net of applicable taxes)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Statutory audit fees	27.00	27.00
Limited Review fees	6.00	6.00
Tax audit fees	1.50	1.50
Certification fees	2.00	-
Out of pocket expenses and others	4.20	4.60
TOTAL	40.70	39.10

39. Disclosures required under Section 22 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006: The amount due to Micro and Small Enterprises as defined in the 'The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006' has been determined to the extent such parties have been identified on the basis of information available with the Company. The disclosures relating to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are as under:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
(i) Principal amount remaining unpaid to supplier at the end of the year	2,124.86	3,047.40
(ii) Interest due thereon remaining unpaid to supplier at the end of the year	24.71	24.52
(iii) Payment made to suppliers (other than interest) beyond the appointed day, during the year	3.42	4.10
(iv) Interest paid to suppliers under MSMED Act (other than Section 16)	-	-
(v) Interest paid to suppliers under MSMED Act (Section 16)	-	-
(vi) Interest due and payable to suppliers under MSMED Act, for payments already made	-	-
(vii) Interest accrued and remaining unpaid at the end of the year to suppliers under MSMED Act (ii) + (vi)	24.71	24.52

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40. Provision for contingencies

The Company carries a general provision for contingencies towards various disputed matters / claims made against the Company based on the Management's assessment. Also, refer Note 21.

The movement of this provision account is as under:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
Opening balance	1,090.66	1,090.66
Provision made during the year	-	-
Amounts utilized / reversed during the year	-	-
Closing balance	1,090.66	1,090.66

41. Category-wise classification of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of financial instruments by categories as at March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024 is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Fair value hierarchy	Carrying Value [#]	
		As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Measured at amortised cost			
(i) Cash and cash equivalents	Level 2	377.01	1,105.38
(ii) Other bank balances	Level 2	393.75	1,520.16
(iii) Trade receivables	Level 2	10,862.51	6,092.75
(iv) Loans	Level 2	135.06	148.46
(v) Investments	Level 2	20,075.18	33,444.34
(vi) Other financial assets	Level 2	720.52	709.33
Measured at FVTOCI			
Investments in equity instruments-Quoted	Level 1	11,572.83	8,790.14
Investments in equity instruments-Unquoted	Level 3		-
Measured at FVTPL			
(i) Investments in mutual funds	Level 1	59,075.78	60,642.20
(ii) Fair value of foreign exchange derivative assets	Level 2	49.24	9.88
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		1,03,261.88	1,12,462.64
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
Measured at Amortised cost			
(i) Borrowings (including current maturities of long-term debt)	Level 2	27,717.92	10,747.44
(ii) Lease liabilities	Level 2	534.94	701.86
(iii) Trade payables	Level 2	18,940.94	22,756.10
(iv) Other financial liabilities	Level 2	4,590.34	6,903.84
TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		51,784.14	41,109.24

[#]also represents fair value

Note: Carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, trade payables, other financial assets and liabilities as at March 31, 2025, March 31, 2024 approximate their fair values because of their short term nature.

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42. Calculation of fair values

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair values are consistent with those used for the year ended March 31, 2024, except unquoted equity investment.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value as at Balance Sheet date. The fair values of investments in unquoted equity investments has been estimated using a NAV method under cost approach.

43. Fair value hierarchy:

The fair value of financial instruments as referred to in Note 42 above have been classified into three categories depending on the inputs used in the valuation technique. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identified assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The categories used are as follows:

Level 1 — Quoted prices for identified instruments in an active market.

Level 2 — Directly or indirectly observable market inputs, other than Level 1 inputs; and

Level 3 — Inputs which are not based on observable market data.

This note provides information about how the Company determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities.

Fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

Some of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at the fair value at the end of each reporting period.

Notes:

- i. These investments in equity instruments are not held for trading. Instead, they are held for long term strategic purpose. Upon the application of Ind AS 109, the Company has chosen to designate these investments in equity instruments as at FVTOCI irrevocably as the Management believes that this provides a more meaningful presentation for long term strategic investments, than reflecting changes in fair value immediately in profit or loss.
- ii. Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements: (₹ in Lakhs)

Investments in unquoted equity instruments at FVTOCI	For the year ended March 31, 2025	For the year ended March 31, 2024
Opening balance	-	-
Total gain or (losses) in other comprehensive income	-	-
Impairment allowance of APGPCL Investment	-	-
Closing balance	-	-

44. Financial Risk Management and Capital Management

The Company's business activities are exposed to a variety of financial risks, namely Interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and foreign currency risk. The Company's senior management has the overall responsibility for establishing and governing the Company's risk management framework. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, periodically review the changes in market conditions and reflect the changes in the policy accordingly. The key risks and mitigating actions are overseen by the Board of Directors of the Company.

A. Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk because Company borrow funds at both fixed and floating interest rates. The risk is managed by the Company by maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate borrowings.

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44. Financial Risk Management and Capital Management (Cont'd)

The sensitivity analysis below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for the non-derivative instruments at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. A 50-basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's:

Profit for the year ended March 31, 2025 would decrease/increase by ₹101.46 Lakhs (for the year ended March 31, 2024: decrease/increase by ₹26.18 Lakhs). This is mainly attributable to the Company's exposure to interest rates on its variable rate borrowings.

B. Credit risk management

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions, foreign exchange transactions and other financial instruments.

Customer credit risk is managed by the Company's established policy, procedures and control relating to the customer credit risk management. The Company uses financial information and past experience to evaluate credit quality of majority of its customers and individual credit limits are defined in accordance with this assessment. Outstanding receivables and the credit worthiness of its counterparties are periodically monitored and taken up on case to case basis. Considering the historical experience of collecting trade receivables, the Company evaluates the concentration of risk with respective trade receivables as low.

The credit risk on cash and bank balances and deposits with financial institutions is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

C. Liquidity risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages its liquidity risk by ensuring, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. Also, the Company has un-utilised credit limits with banks. The Company maintained a cautious liquidity strategy, with a positive cash balance throughout the year ended March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024. Cash flow from operating activities provides the funds to service the financial liabilities on a day to day basis.

The Company regularly maintains the rolling forecasts to ensure it has sufficient cash on an on-going basis to meet operational needs. Any short-term surplus cash generated, over and above the amount required for working capital management and other operational requirements, is retained as cash and cash equivalents (to the extent required) and any excess is invested in interest-bearing short-term deposits with appropriate maturities to optimise the cash returns on investments while ensuring sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities.

The table below provides details regarding the contractual maturities of significant financial liabilities as of March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Total Amount	Less than 1 year	More than 1 and less than 2 years	More than 2 and less than 3 years	More than 3 years
March 31, 2025					
Trade payables	18,940.94	18,940.94	-	-	-
Payables for purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,581.52	1,581.52	-	-	-

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44. Financial Risk Management and Capital Management (Cont'd)

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Total Amount	Less than 1 year	More than 1 and less than 2 years	More than 2 and less than 3 years	More than 3 years
Borrowings	27,717.92	14,175.45	5,488.00	5,488.00	2,566.47
Lease liabilities	534.93	128.11	55.47	25.26	326.09
Other financial liabilities*	3,008.82	3,008.82	-	-	-
March 31, 2024					
Trade payables	22,756.10	22,756.10	-	-	-
Payables for purchase of property, plant and equipment	3,502.08	3,502.08	-	-	-
Borrowings	10,747.44	6,017.58	1,326.32	1,047.40	2,356.14
Lease liabilities	701.86	166.91	128.11	55.46	351.38
Other financial liabilities*	3,401.76	3,343.67	58.09	-	-

*Other financial liabilities include deposits received from customers amounting to ₹2,766.48 Lakhs (March 31, 2024: ₹3,086.66 Lakhs). These deposits do not have a contractual re-payment term but are repayable on demand. Since, the Company does not have an unconditional right to defer the payment, these deposits have been classified as current balances. For including these amounts in the above mentioned maturity analysis, the Company has assumed that these deposits, including interest thereon, will be repayable at the end of the reporting period. The actual maturity period for the deposit amount can differ based on the date on which these deposits are settled to customers.

D. Financing facilities

The Company has access to financing facilities (Fund and non-fund based) of which ₹8,237.12 Lakhs (March 31, 2024: ₹11,077.00 Lakhs) were unused at the end of the reporting period. The Company expects to meet its other obligations from operating cash flows and proceeds of maturing financial assets.

E. Foreign currency risk management

The Company undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise.

The carrying amounts of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

As at March 31, 2025:

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025 (All figures in Lakhs)					
	GBP	USD	Euro	JPY	SEK	₹
Assets						
Trade Receivables	-	0.16	-	-	-	14.0
Cash and cash equivalents	-	0.23	-	-	-	19.4
Liabilities						
Trade payables	0.02	2.51	0.16	-	-	231.59
Capital Payables	-	-	1.11	-	-	102.18
Interest payable	-	0.99	-	-	-	84.5
Buyers Credit	-	58.41	-	-	-	4,993.1

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44. Financial Risk Management and Capital Management (Cont'd)

As at March 31, 2024:

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024 (All figures in Lakhs)					
	GBP	USD	Euro	JPY	SEK	₹
Assets						
Trade Receivables	-	0.76	-	-	-	63.56
Cash and cash equivalents	-	5.25	-	-	-	438.04
Liabilities						
Trade payables	0.02	11.69	0.21	-	1.48	1008.06
Capital Payables	-	-	4.41	-	40.19	709.49
Interest payable	-	0.76	-	-	-	63.69
Buyers Credit	-	59.88	-	-	-	4,994.80

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

Considering the countries and economic environment in which the Company operates, its operations are subject to risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates in those countries. The risks primarily relate to fluctuations in US Dollar, Great Britain Pound and Euro against the functional currency of the Company.

₹1 strengthening of INR against US Dollar, to which the Company is majorly exposed, would have led to approximately ₹62.91 Lakhs profit in the Statement of Profit and Loss (Year ended March 31, 2024 - ₹75.22 Lakhs profit). A ₹1 weakening of the INR against US Dollar would have led to an equal but opposite effect.

The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items.

Derivative financial instruments

The Company holds derivative financial instruments such as foreign currency forward to mitigate the risk of changes in exchange rate on foreign currency exposure. The counterparty for these contracts is generally a Bank. These derivative financial instruments are valued based on quoted prices for similar asset and liabilities in active markets or inputs that is directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.

Outstanding as at March 31, 2025:

Derivatives	Buy/Sell	No. of Contracts	Amount in Foreign Currency (USD)	Amount in INR Lakhs
Forward Contracts – USD	Buy	8	59,63,459	5,174.35

Outstanding as at March 31, 2024:

Derivatives	Buy/Sell	No. of Contracts	Amount in Foreign Currency (USD)	Amount in INR Lakhs
Forward Contracts – USD	Buy	2	25,00,476	2,087.49

In respect of the company's forward contracts an impact of INR increase / decrease in the respective exchange rates of each of the currency underlying such contracts would have resulted in:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Impact of ₹1 INR weakening against USD	59.63	25.00
Impact of ₹1 INR strengthening against USD	(59.63)	(25.00)

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Capital management

The Company's capital management objective is to maximise the total shareholder return by optimizing the cost of capital through flexible capital structure that supports growth. Further, the Company ensures optimal credit risk profile to maintain/enhance credit rating.

The Company determines that amount of capital on the basis of annual operating plan and long-term strategic plans. The funding requirements are met through internal accruals and long-term/short-term borrowings. The Company monitors the capital structure on the basis of Net debt to equity ratio and maturity profile of the overall debt portfolio of the Company.

For the purpose of Capital management, capital includes equity capital, securities premium and all other reserves. Net debt includes all long and short-term borrowings as reduced by cash and cash equivalents.

The following table summarises the net debt to equity ratio of the Company:

(₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2025	As at March 31, 2024
Long term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt	19,724.83	5,752.64
Short-term borrowings	7,993.09	4,994.80
Cash and cash equivalents (including other bank balances)	(770.76)	(2625.54)
Net Debt- (A)	26,947.16	8,121.90
Equity – (B)	1,94,083.36	1,89,320.08
Net Debt to equity ratio – (A)/(B)	0.14	0.04

45. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Andhra Paper Foundation, carries out Corporate Social Responsibilities activities. The same is not considered for the purpose of consolidation during the year ended March 31, 2025, as the objective of control over this entity is not to obtain economic benefits from its activities. During the year, Andhra Paper Foundation converted into Andhra Paper Private Limited on November 11, 2024 and the application for strike off has been filed with Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad on March 28, 2025, and it is in the process of striking off.

46. In the year ended March 31, 2017, the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh upheld the validity of levy of electricity duty @ 25 paisa per unit by the State Government on consumption of electricity by captive generating units relating to earlier years. The Company (along with other petitioners) filed a Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which in the interim, directed the petitioners to pay partial amount without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the petitioners, pursuant to which the Company had paid ₹1,502.05 Lakhs under protest in the year ended March 31, 2017. The matter is pending hearing.

In view of the inherent uncertainty in predicting the final outcome of the above litigation, the Management has, on grounds of prudence and abundant caution, made a provision amounting to ₹2,357.43 Lakhs during the year ended March 31, 2017 towards the potential liability in the event of an un-favourable verdict in this matter. Additionally, an amount of ₹1,571.62 Lakhs has been disclosed as a contingent liability. On the basis of the legal advice obtained, in the opinion of the Management no further provision would be required in relation to this disputed matter.

47. The Code on Social Security, 2020 ('Code') relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment benefits received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India. However, the date on which the Code will come into effect has not been notified. The Company will assess the impact of the Code when it comes into effect and will record any related impact in the period the Code becomes effective.

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48. As per Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act'), a company, meeting the applicability threshold, needs to spend at least 2% of its average net profit for the immediately preceding three financial years on corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. The focus areas of Company's CSR activities are Education, Health & Wellness and Community Engagement. The CSR activities of the Company are in line with the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. A CSR committee has been formed by the company as per the Act.

(₹ in Lakhs)

S.No	Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
1	Gross amount required to be spent by the company during the year.	881.07	599.50
2	Surplus spent in FY 2022-2023 (set-off)	-	24.71
3	Amount spent during the year on		
	(i) Construction/acquisition of any asset	-	-
	(ii) On purposes other than (i) above	327.01	452.97
4	Surplus / (Shortfall) at the end of the year *	(554.06)	(121.82)
5	Total of previous years shortfall (net of incurred during the year)	-	-
6	Reason for shortfall	Pertains to ongoing projects	Pertains to ongoing projects
7	Nature of CSR activities	Education, Health & Wellness and Community engagement	
8	Details of related party transactions, e.g. contribution to a trust controlled by the company in relation to CSR expenditure as per relevant Accounting Standard	-	-
9	Where a provision is made with respect to a liability incurred by entering into a contractual obligation, the movements in the provision during the year	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

* The Company has transferred the unspent amount to a separate bank account of ₹554.06 Lakhs on 29.04.2025 for the year ended March 31, 2025 in compliance with Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2021 vide MCA notification dated January 22, 2021.

During the previous year the company has set off the excess CSR amount of ₹24.71 Lakhs spent in the FY 2022-2023 against CSR obligation of FY 2023-2024.

49. Investments and Loans & Advances:

No funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries") with the understanding that the Intermediary shall lend or invest in party identified by or on behalf of the Company (Ultimate Beneficiaries). The Company has not received any fund from any party(s) (Funding Party) with the understanding that the Company shall whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified by or on behalf of the Company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.

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50. Ratios

S.No	Ratio	Numerator	Denominator	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	% of increase or decrease	Reasons
1	Current Ratio (in times)	Current assets	Current liabilities	2.97	3.06	-2%	No major change
2	Debt-Equity Ratio (in times)	Total Debt	Shareholder's Equity	0.14	0.06	152%	Increase due to term loan and buyers credit availed during the year
3	Debt Coverage Ratio (in times)	Earnings available for debt service ⁽¹⁾	Debt Service ⁽²⁾	1.16	7.20	-84%	Due to increase in wood prices & drop in sale price
4	Return on Equity (ROE) (in %)	Net Profits after taxes	Average Shareholder's Equity	4.64%	19.55%	-76%	Due to increase in wood prices & drop in sale price
5	Inventory Turnover Ratio (in days)	Sales	Average Inventory	5.51	8.77	-37%	Increase in inventory at year end
6	Trade Receivables turnover ratio (in times)	Revenue	Average Trade Receivable	18.18	17.27	5%	No major change
7	Trade payables turnover ratio (in times)	Purchases of goods & Services and other expenses	Average Trade Payables	12.75	11.30	13%	No major change
8	Net capital turnover ratio (in times)	Revenue	Working Capital	1.77	2.09	-15%	No major change
9	Net profit ratio (in %)	Net Profits after taxes	Revenue	5.77%	18.87%	-69%	Due to increase in wood prices & drop in sale price
10	Return on Capital employed (in)	Earnings before interest and taxes	Capital Employed ⁽³⁾	5.86%	22.08%	-73%	Due to increase in wood prices & drop in sale price
11	Return on investment (in)	Income generated from investments	Average invested funds in treasury investments	7.52%	8.55%	-14%	No major change

⁽¹⁾Net Profit after taxes + Non-cash operating expenses + Interest + other adjustments like loss on sale of Fixed assets etc.

⁽²⁾Interest and Lease Payments + Principal Repayments

⁽³⁾Net worth + Deferred tax liability + Lease liability + Total Debt

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51. Other Statutory Information:

- a) The Company does not have any Benami property, where any proceeding have been initiated or pending against the Company for holding any Benami property.
- b) The Company has not traded or invested in Crypto currency or Virtual currency during the financial year.
- c) The Company does not have any such transaction which is not recorded in the books of accounts that has been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Such as, search or survey or any other relevant provision of the Income Tax Act, 1961).
- d) The Company has complied with the number of layers prescribed under clause (87) of Section 2 of the Act read with the Companies (Restriction on number of layers) Rules, 2017.
- e) The Company has not been declared wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or any government authority.
- f) The Company does not have any charges or satisfaction which is yet to be registered with ROC beyond the statutory period.
- g) The Company does not have any transactions with companies struck off.
- h) The title deeds of all the immovable properties (other than properties where the company is the lessee and the lease agreements are duly executed in favour of the lessee) to the financial statements, are held in the name of the company.
- i) Quarterly returns or statements of current assets filed by the Company with banks are in agreement with the books of accounts.
- j) The company has not entered into any scheme of arrangement which has an accounting impact on current or previous financial year.
- k) The Company has not revalued its property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets) and intangible assets during the current year and previous year.
- l) The company has utilised the Borrowings for the purpose for which it has obtained as mentioned in the agreement.

52. The Board of Directors approves the financial statements for issue on May 08, 2025.

As per our report of even date
For M S K A & Associates
 Chartered Accountants
 Firm Registration No.:105047W

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
of Andhra Paper Limited
 CIN: L21010AP1964PLC001008

S. K. Bangur
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 Partner
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Saurabh Bangur
 Managing Director
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Rajesh Bothra
 Chief Financial Officer

Mukesh Jain
 Executive Director
 (DIN: 09380039)

Bijay Kumar Sanku
 Company Secretary
 Membership No: 15449

Place: Hyderabad
 Date : May 08, 2025

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 Date : May 08, 2025

**ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED**

(CIN: L21010AP1964PLC001008)

Regd. Office: Rajahmundry – 533 105, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the 61st Annual General Meeting of the Members of Andhra Paper Limited ("The Company") will be held on **Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 02.30 PM (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")** to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To consider and adopt Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2025 and the Reports of Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a final dividend of ₹1 per equity share of face value of ₹2/- each, of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2025.
3. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Virendraa Bangur (DIN: 00237043) who retires by rotation and being eligible offers, himself for re-appointment.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

4. **Re-appointment of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564), as an Independent Director of the Company.**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), to following Resolution, as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 150, 152 read with Schedule IV and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), the Companies (Appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014, the applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 [SEBI Listing Regulations] (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), applicable provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company and on the recommendations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company, approval of the members be and is hereby accorded for the reappointment of Mrs. Papia

Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) as an Independent Director of the Company, for the second term of 3 (three) consecutive years, not liable to retire by rotation, commencing from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028 (both days inclusive) on the terms and conditions mentioned in the explanatory statement."

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT any one of the Board of Directors and/or Key Managerial Personnel except for Mrs. Papia Sengupta be and are hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be deemed necessary, desirable, proper or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the resolution."

5. **Appointment of Secretarial Auditor and fix their remuneration**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following Resolution, as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 179, 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the rules made thereunder and Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations"), and other applicable provisions, if any, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, and any other circulars issued by SEBI from time to time and pursuant to the recommendations of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company, the approval of the members be and are hereby accorded for the appointment of M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries, (Firm Registration No. P1990AP015500), and Peer Review Certificate no. 6326/2024) as the Secretarial Auditors of the Company for a term of five consecutive years commencing from FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board of Directors or any of its Committee(s) thereof and to avail any other services certificates or reports as may be permissible under applicable laws.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board or any of its committee(s) and/or any person authorised by the Board, be and is hereby severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds and things as may be necessary, expedient and desirable for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution.”

6. Ratification of Remuneration of Cost Auditors

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following Resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to Section 148 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 [including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof, for the time being in force] the remuneration of ₹4.50 Lakhs plus applicable taxes and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as approved by the Board of Directors of

the Company, to be paid to M/s. Narasimha Murthy & Co., Cost Accountants, Hyderabad, Cost Auditors (Firm Registration No. 000042) to conduct the audit of the cost records of the Company, for the financial year ending March 31, 2026 be and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this Resolution.”

By Order of the Board
For Andhra Paper Limited
 Sd/-
Bijay Kumar Sanku
 Company Secretary

Registered Office:

Rajahmundry - 533 105
 East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India
 May 08, 2025

Notes

1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“**The Act**”) in respect of Item Nos. 4, 5 and 6 as per Regulation 36 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“**The SEBI LODR Regulations**”), setting out the details relating to Special business is annexed hereto. Further, disclosures as required under the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and the Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (‘SS-2’) with respect to details of appointee Director are provided in Annexures to this Notice.
2. The additional information as required under Schedule V of the Act is given as Annexure to this Notice.
3. Pursuant to the General Circular No. 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2024/133 dated October 3, 2024 issued by SEBI (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Circulars”), companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC, without the physical presence of members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC.
4. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023, Notice of the 61st AGM along with the Annual Report 2024-25 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories. Members may

note that the Notice and Annual Report 2024-25 shall also be available on the Company’s website: <https://www.andhrapaper.com>, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com> and <https://www.nseindia.com> respectively, and on the website of KFin Technologies Limited at <https://evoting.kfintech.com/>

Pursuant to Regulation 36 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 a letter containing the web-link including exact path where complete details of 61st Annual Report is available, will be circulated to those shareholders who have not registered their email ids as on July 11, 2025 i.e. Benpos date.

However, the Company shall send a hard copy of the Notice of 61st AGM along with Annual Report 2024-25 to those Shareholders who request for the same. Shareholders who require a hard copy of the 61st AGM Notice and Annual Report may send their requests to the E-mail ID: aplinvestorrelations@andhrapaper.com.

5. M/s. KFin Technologies Limited (“KFinTech”) will be providing facilities for voting through remote e-voting, for participation in the 61st AGM through VC/OAVM and e-voting during the AGM (“Insta Poll”).
6. A Member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and the proxy need not be a member of the Company. Since the AGM is being held through VC/OAVM, physical attendance of members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the members will not be available.

7. Institutional / Corporate members (i.e. other than individuals / HUF, NRI etc.) intending to authorize their representatives to participate and vote at the meeting are required to send a certified copy of the Board or governing body resolution/authorization letter to the scrutinizer by email to thr300@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@kfintech.com. The scanned image of the above mentioned documents should be in the naming format 'APL_ EVEN NO.'
8. The register of directors and key managerial personnel (KMP) and their shareholding, maintained under Section 170 of the Act, and the register of contracts or arrangements in which the directors are interested, maintained under Section 189 of the Act, will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM. All documents referred to in the Notice will also be available for electronic inspection without any fee from the date of circulation of this Notice up to the date of AGM, i.e. August 7, 2025. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an email to aplinvestorrelations@andhrapaper.com.
9. Since the AGM will be held through VC / OAVM, the Route Map is not annexed to this Notice.
10. SEBI vide its notification dated January 24, 2022 has mandated that all requests for transfer of securities including transmission and transposition shall be processed only in dematerialized form. In view of the same and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares, Members are advised to dematerialise the shares held by them in physical form. The ISIN in respect of equity shares is **INE435A01051**.
11. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) rescinding all its previous circulars, issued Master circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/P/CIR/2024/37 May 7, 2024 updated standardized Common and Simplified Norms for processing Investors' service request by RTAs and norms for furnishing PAN, KYC details inter alia mandated:
 - a. Furnishing of PAN, contact details, bank account details and nomination by shareholders holding shares in physical form;
 - b. Any service request shall be entertained only upon registration of the PAN, Bank details and the nomination;

Members holding shares in physical form are requested to notify any change in their address, Updation of bank particulars / NECS mandate, Mobile Number, Registration of Nomination and change in signature immediately to the Registrar and Transfer Agents, KFin Technologies Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31

& 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad - 500 032 ("RTA") in the formats as given below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Form No.
1	PAN	ISR-1
2	Address	
3	E-mail address	
4	Mobile Number	
5	Demat account details	
6	Bank account details	ISR-2
7	Updation/Registration of Signature	
8	Nomination details *	SH-13
9	Declaration to opt out nomination *	ISR-3

* In case you are opting out for giving nomination, please submit Form ISR-3 and Form SH-13 need not be submitted.

12. Payment of dividend in case of Non KYC compliant Folios:

SEBI vide circular dated November 03, 2021 (subsequently amended by circulars dated December 14, 2021, March 16, 2023 and November 17, 2023) mandated that the security holders (holding securities in physical form), whose folio(s) were not updated with the KYC details (any of the details viz., PAN; Choice of Nomination; Contact Details; Mobile Number and Bank Account Details and signature, if any) shall be eligible to receive dividend only through electronic mode with effect from April 01, 2024.

Shareholders are requested to update the KYC details by submitting the relevant ISR forms duly filled in along with self-attested supporting proofs. The forms can be downloaded from the website of the RTA.

13. Members may please note that SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8 dated January 25, 2022 has mandated the listed companies to issue securities in dematerialized form only while processing service requests viz. Issue of duplicate securities certificate; claim from unclaimed suspense account; renewal/ exchange of securities certificate; endorsement; sub-division/splitting of securities certificate; consolidation of securities certificates/folios; transmission and transposition. Accordingly, Members are requested to make service request by submitting a duly filled and signed Form ISR – 4 and Form ISR-5 for transmission cases.

The above said forms can be downloaded from the website of the Company at <https://www.andhrapaper.com> and RTA at <https://www.kfintech.com>.

14. The Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") vide its circular dated July 31, 2023 has introduced a common Online Dispute Resolution Portal ("ODRP") to facilitate online resolution of all kinds of disputes arising in the Indian Securities Market. The ODRP provides members with an additional mechanism to resolve their grievances. Any unresolved issues pertaining to any service related complaints between members and listed entity including its Registrar & Share Transfer Agents in the securities market, will be resolved in accordance with the abovementioned SEBI Circular.

In order to make members aware about the ODR mechanism, the process is given below:

Level 1 - Raise with the Company / KFin Technologies Limited [Registrar and Transfer Agent ("RTA")]: Initially, all grievances/ disputes/ complaints against the Company/RTA are required to be directly lodged with the Company / RTA. Members may lodge the same by sending an email to einward.ris@kfintech.com / aplinvestorrelations@andhrapaper.com or by sending physical correspondence at: KFin Technologies Limited Selenium Building, Tower B, Plot 31-32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 032 Toll Free No. : 1800 309 4001 E-mail Address : einward.ris@kfintech.com Website : www.kfintech.com.

Level 2 - SEBI Complaints Redress Systems ("SCORES"): The grievances/ disputes/ complaints which remain unresolved at Level 1, or if the member is not satisfied with the resolution provided by the Company/ RTA, then a complaint may be raised on SCORES platform of SEBI which can be accessed at <https://scores.sebi.gov.in/>

Level 3 - ODR Platform: In case the member is not satisfied with the resolution provided at Level 1 or 2, then the online dispute resolution process can be initiated through the ODR portal.

Important notes with respect to ODR portal are as under:

- a) The link to access the ODR Portal as well as modalities and operational guidelines of the ODRP including timelines for review/resolution of complaints filed through the portal, manner of proceedings to be conducted by the ODR

institutions, roles and responsibilities of Market Infrastructure Intermediaries, Code of conduct for Conciliators and Arbitrators etc. as provided in the SEBI Circular(s) are hosted on Company's website at <https://andhrapaper.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SEBI-Circular-on-Online-Resolution-of-Disputes.pdf>.

- b) It may be noted that the dispute resolution through the ODR portal can be initiated only if such complaint / dispute is not pending before any arbitral process, court, tribunal or consumer forum or if the same is non-arbitrable under Indian Law.
- c) There shall be no fees for registration of a complaint/dispute on the ODR portal, and the fees for conciliation or arbitration process including applicable GST, stamp duty etc. shall be borne by the Investor /Company/other market participant as the case may be.
- d) For any queries on the above matter, investors may contact the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, KFin Technologies Limited at einward.ris@kfintech.com or the Company at: aplinvestorrelations@andhrapaper.com.
15. Members are requested to note that dividends, if not encashed for a consecutive period of 7 years from the date of transfer to Unpaid Dividend Account of the Company, are liable to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF).
16. In terms of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Amendment Rules, 2016 (Rules) notified by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Company had transferred equity shares in respect of which dividend had not been paid or claimed by the shareholders for a period of seven consecutive years or more to Investor Education Protection Fund Authority (IEPF Authority). The details of the dividend and shares transferred to IEPF Authority and the procedure to claim the dividend and shares from the IEPF Authority are available on the Company's website under Investor Relations. The Members, whose unclaimed dividends / shares have been transferred to IEPF, may claim the same by making an application to the IEPF Authority in Form No. IEPF- 5 available at <https://www.iepf.gov.in>.
17. Dividend payment and Tax on Dividend:
- i. The Record date for the purposes of this AGM and for determining entitlement of Members to

final dividend for the financial year ended March 31, 2025, if approved at the AGM, is Friday, August 1, 2025.

- ii. The dividend, as recommended by the Board of Directors, if declared at the 61st AGM, will be paid within 30 days from the date of declaration as under:

- (a) To all the Beneficial Owners as at the end of the day on Friday, August 1, 2025, as per the list of beneficial owners to be furnished by the National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited in respect of the shares held in electronic form; and
- (b) To all Members, in respect of shares held in physical form, whose names appear in the Register of Members as on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Members who are unable to receive the dividend directly in their bank accounts through Electronic Clearing Service or any other electronic means, due to non-registration of the Electronic Bank Mandate, the Company shall dispatch the dividend warrant/ Bankers' cheque/ demand draft to such Members, subject to availability of postal services and /or courier services.

- iii. Members may note that in terms of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. April 1, 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source (TDS) from dividend paid to shareholders at the prescribed rates. For the prescribed rates for various categories, the shareholders are requested to refer to the Finance Act, 2020 and amendments thereof. The shareholders are requested to update/register their valid PAN with the Company/ RTA (in case of shares held in physical mode) and Depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode).
- iv. A Resident individual shareholder with PAN and who is not liable to pay income tax can submit a yearly declaration in Form No. 15G/15H, to avail the benefit of non-deduction of tax at source by uploading the documents on the link <https://ris.kfintech.com/form15>, on or before Friday, August 1, 2025. Shareholders are requested to note that

in case their PAN is not updated/registered, the tax will be deducted at a higher rate of 20%.

- v. Non-resident shareholders can avail beneficial rates under tax treaty between India and their country of residence, subject to providing necessary documents i.e. No Permanent Establishment and Beneficial Ownership Declaration, Tax Residency Certificate, Form 10F, and any other document which may be required to avail the tax treaty benefits by uploading the documents on or before Friday, August 1, 2025 on the link <https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/>. No communication would be accepted from Members after Friday, August 1, 2025 regarding the tax withholding matters.
- vi. The Resident Non-Individual Members such as Insurance companies, Mutual Funds, Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) and other domestic financial institutions established in India and Non-Resident Non-Individual Members such as Foreign Portfolio Investors may submit the relevant forms, declarations and documents through their respective custodians who are registered with NSDL for tax services, on or before the aforesaid timelines.
- vii. TDS will be deducted at prescribed higher rates for specified persons, as per the provisions of section 206AB of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

18. E-VOTING FACILITY

- i. In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Act read with Rules made thereunder and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the Company is offering e-voting facility to all Members of the Company. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to the number of shares held by them in the equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, August 1, 2025
- ii. A person, whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners (in case of electronic shareholding) maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, August 1, 2025 shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting/e-voting at the AGM. KFintech will be facilitating e-voting to enable the Members to cast their votes electronically.

A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.

- iii. The remote e-voting facility will be available during the following period:

Commencement of remote e-voting : From 9.00 A.M. (IST) on Monday, August 4, 2025,
End of remote e-voting : At 5.00 P.M. (IST) on Wednesday, August 6, 2025

The remote e-voting will not be allowed/available beyond the aforesaid date and time and the remote e-voting module shall be disabled/blocked by KFinTech upon expiry of aforesaid period. Once the vote on a Resolution is cast by the Member(s), they shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again.

- iv. In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update/register their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.
- v. The details of the process and manner for remote e-Voting are explained herein below:

Step 1 : Access to Depositories e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.

Step 2 : Access to KFinTech e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

Step 1: Login method for remote e-Voting for Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	1. User already registered for IDeAS facility: - Visit URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com. - Click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" under 'IDeAS' section. - On the new page, enter User ID and Password. Post successful authentication, click on "Access to e-Voting". - Click on company name or e-Voting service provider and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting the vote during the remote e-Voting period. 2. User not registered for IDeAS e-Services - To register click on link : https://eservices.nsdl.com. - Select "Register Online for IDeAS" or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp. - Proceed with completing the required fields. - Follow steps given in points 1. 3. Alternatively, by directly accessing the e-Voting website of NSDL - Open URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/. - Click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. - A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number held with NSDL), Password / OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. - Post successful authentication, you will be requested to select the name of the company and the e-Voting Service Provider name, i.e. KFinTech. - On successful selection, you will be redirected to KFinTech e-Voting page for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period.

Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL	Existing user who have opted for Easi / Easiest - Visit URL: https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasitoken/Home/Login or - URL: www.cdslindia.com - Click on New System Myeasi. - Login with your registered User ID and Password. - The user will see the e-Voting Menu. The Menu will have links of ESP i.e. KFintech e-Voting portal. - Click on e-Voting service provider name to cast your vote. User not registered for Easi/Easiest - Option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasitoken/Registration/EasiRegistration - Proceed with completing the required fields. - Follow the steps given in point 1. Alternatively, by directly accessing the e-Voting website of CDSL - Visit URL: https://evoting.cdslindia.com/Evoting/EvotingLogin. - Provide your Demat Account Number and PAN No. - System will authenticate user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. - After successful authentication, user will be provided links for the respective ESP, i.e. KFintech where the e- Voting is in progress.
Individual Shareholder login through their demat accounts / Website of Depository Participant	- You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your DP registered with NSDL /CDSL for e-Voting facility. - Once logged-in, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL / CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. - Click on options available against company name or e-Voting service provider – KFintech and you will be redirected to e-Voting website of KFintech for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period without any further authentication.

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID / Password are advised to use Forgot user ID / Forgot Password option available at respective websites.

Helpdesk for Individual Members holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. NSDL and CDSL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Securities held with NSDL	Please contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at Toll Free Number: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30
Securities held with CDSL	Please contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022- 23058738 or 022-23058542-43

Step 2: Login method for e-Voting for shareholders, other than Individual shareholders, holding securities in demat mode and shareholders holding securities in physical mode.

(A) Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/ Depository Participant(s), will receive an email from KFintech which will include details of E-Voting Event Number (EVEN), User ID and password. They will have to follow the following process:

- i. Launch internet browser by typing the URL: <https://eMeetings.kfintech.com/>.
- ii. Enter the login credentials (i.e. User ID and password). In case of physical folio, User ID will be EVEN (E-Voting Event Number) 8934, followed by folio number. In case of Demat account, User ID will be your DP ID and Client ID. However, if you are already registered with KFintech for e-voting, you can use your existing User ID and password for casting the vote.
- iii. After entering these details appropriately, click on "LOGIN".
- iv. You will now reach password change Menu wherein you are required to mandatorily change your password. The new password shall comprise of minimum 8 characters with at least one upper case (A- Z), one lower case (a-z), one numeric value (0-9) and a special character (@, #, \$, etc.). The system will prompt you to change your password and update your contact details like mobile number, email ID etc. on first login. You may also enter a secret question and answer of your choice to retrieve your password in case you forget it. **It is strongly recommended that you do not share your password with any other person and that you take utmost care to keep your password confidential.**
- v. You need to login again with the new credentials.
- vi. On successful login, the system will prompt you to select the "EVEN" i.e., '8934 - AGM' and click on "Submit".
- vii. On the voting page, enter the number of shares (which represents the number of votes) as on the Cut-off Date under "FOR/AGAINST" or alternatively, you may partially enter any number in "FOR" and partially "AGAINST" but the total number in "FOR/AGAINST" taken together shall not exceed your total shareholding as displayed/

disclosed on the screen. You may also choose the option ABSTAIN. If the Member does not indicate either "FOR" or "AGAINST" it will be treated as "ABSTAIN" and the shares held will not be counted under either head.

- viii. Shareholders holding multiple folios/demat accounts shall choose the voting process separately for each folio/ demat account.
 - ix. Voting has to be done for each item of the notice separately. In case you do not desire to cast your vote on any specific item, it will be treated as abstained.
 - x. You may then cast your vote by selecting an appropriate option and click on "Submit".
 - xi. A confirmation box will be displayed. Click "OK" to confirm else "CANCEL" to modify. Once you have voted on the Resolution (s), you will not be allowed to modify your vote. **During the voting period, Members can login any number of times till they have voted on the Resolution(s).**
- (B) Members whose email IDs are not registered with the Company/Depository Participant(s), and consequently on whom, the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and e-voting instructions cannot be served, will have to follow the following process:

- I. Member may send an e-mail request at the email id einward.ris@kfintech.com along with scanned copy of the signed request letter providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested PAN copy and Client Master copy in case of electronic folio and copy of share certificate in case of physical folio for sending the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and the e-voting instructions.
- II. After receiving the e-voting instructions, please follow all steps narrated/mentioned above to cast your vote by electronic means.

In case a person has become a Member of the Company after dispatch of AGM Notice but on or before the cut-off date for E-voting, he/she may obtain the User ID and Password in the manner as mentioned below:

If the mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No./ DP ID Client ID, the member may send SMS: MYEPWD <space> E-Voting Event Number+Folio No. or DP ID Client ID to 9212993399.

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| 1. Example for NSDL | : MYEPWD <SPACE>
IN12345612345678 |
| 2. Example for CDSL | : MYEPWD <SPACE>
1402345612345678 |
| 3. Example for Physical | : MYEPWD <SPACE>
1234567890 |

If e-mail address or mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No. / DP ID Client ID, then on the home page of <https://evoting.kfintech.com/>, the member may click "Forgot Password" and enter Folio No. or DP ID Client ID and PAN to generate a password.

Members may call KFintech toll free number 1-800-309-4001 for all e-voting related matters. Member may send an e-mail request to einward.ris@kfintech.com for all e-voting related matters.

19. Instructions for Members for attending the e-AGM:

- Facility of joining the AGM through VC / OAVM shall open 15 minutes before the time scheduled for the start of AGM and will be closed on expiry of 15 minutes after such scheduled time of AGM.
- Facility of joining the AGM through VC / OAVM shall be available for at least 1,000 members on first come first served basis. However, the participation of members holding 2% or more shares, Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, Chairpersons of Audit Committee, Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Auditors are not restricted on first come first serve basis.
- Member will be provided with a facility to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM platform provided by KFintech. Members may access the same at <https://eMeetings.kfintech.com/> by using the e-voting login credentials provided in the email received from the Company/KFintech. After logging in, click on the Video Conference tab and select the EVEN of the Company. Click on the video symbol and accept the Meeting etiquettes to join the Meeting. Please note that the members who do not have the User ID and Password for e-Voting or have forgotten the User ID and Password may retrieve the same by following the remote e-Voting instructions mentioned in Point No. 18.
- Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops/ Desktops with Google Chrome

(preferred browser), Safari, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox 22.

- Members will be required to grant access to the webcam to enable VC / OAVM. Further, Members connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to fluctuation in their respective network. It is, therefore, recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.
- Members, who would like to express their views or ask questions during the e-AGM will have to register themselves as a speaker by visiting the URL <https://eMeetings.kfintech.com> and clicking on the tab 'Speaker Registration' and mentioning their registered e-mail id, mobile number and city, during the period starting from Monday, August 4, 2025 (09.00 AM IST) up to Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (05.00 PM IST). Only those members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the e-AGM and the maximum time per speaker will be restricted to 3 minutes, depending on the number of speakers and available time.
- The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the e-AGM. Please note that questions of only those Members will be entertained/considered who are holding shares of Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, August 1, 2025.
- Alternatively, Members holding shares as on the cut-off date may also visit <https://eMeetings.kfintech.com> and click on the tab 'Post Your Queries' and post their queries/ views/questions in the window provided, by mentioning their name, demat account number/ folio number, email ID and mobile number. Members may post their queries Monday, August 4, 2025 (09.00 AM IST) up to Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (05.00 PM IST).
- Members who need technical or other assistance before or during the e-AGM can contact KFintech by sending email at eMeetings@kfintech.com or Helpline: 1800 309 4001 (toll free).

20. Voting at e-AGM

- Only those members/shareholders, who will be participating in the e-AGM through VC/OAVM facility and who have not cast their vote earlier

through remote e-voting are eligible to vote through e-voting during the e-AGM.

- b. Members who have voted through remote e-voting will also be eligible to attend the e-AGM. Members attending the e-AGM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum of AGM under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013
- c. Upon declaration by the Chairperson about the commencement of e-voting at e-AGM, Members shall click on the "Vote" sign on the left-hand bottom corner of their video screen for voting at the e-AGM, which will take them to the 'instapoll' page.
- d. Members to click on the "Instapoll" icon to reach the resolution page and follow the instructions to vote on the resolutions.

21. Other information:

The Board of Directors have appointed M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co. Practicing Company

Secretaries, B-13, F-1 & F-2, P.S. Nagar, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad - 500 057 as Scrutiniser, to scrutinise the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutiniser shall, after the conclusion of voting at the AGM, submit his report within the prescribed timelines, to the Chairperson of the Company or any person authorized by the Chairperson and the results of voting will be announced within two working days from the conclusion of the AGM of the Company. The results declared along with the Scrutiniser's report shall be placed on the Company's website at www.andhrapaper.com and on the website of KFinTech viz. <https://evoting.kfintech.com> and shall also be communicated to the stock exchanges viz. BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the shares of the Company are listed. The resolutions shall be deemed to be passed at the AGM of the Company subject to obtaining requisite votes thereto.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS PER SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 IN RESPECT OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS & AS PER REGULATION 36 OF THE SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015 IN RESPECT OF ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Item No. 4

As per Section 149 read with Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") an Independent Director can be appointed for a maximum tenure up to 5 (five) consecutive years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company for another term up to 5 (five) consecutive years. Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) was appointed initially for first term as an Independent Director of the Company to hold office for a period of 3 (three) consecutive years effective September 1, 2022 which was approved by the shareholders on October 1, 2022 vide Postal Ballot Notices dated August 22, 2022. Her first term expires on August 31, 2025.

In terms of the provisions of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, a listed entity is required to obtain the approval of the shareholders for re-appointment of a person on the Board of Directors at the next general meeting or within a time period of three months from the date of re-appointment, whichever is earlier. Therefore, the Company is seeking approval of shareholders for re-appointment of Mrs. Papia Sengupta as an Independent Director of the Company in this Annual General Meeting.

Mrs. Papia Sengupta is a seasoned banker with more than three decades of experience in all facets of banking which culminated in holding the position of Executive Director in

Bank of Baroda after a stint as Chief General Manager in State Bank Group.

A science graduate, she has completed Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program from ICFAI in 2001 and CAIIB from Indian Institute of Banking and Finance in 2008.

The core competencies of Mrs. Papia Sengupta are Corporate & MSME Finance, Stressed Assets Management, Risk Management, Banking, Treasury & Investment, Audit & Inspection, Overseas Banking, Human Resource Management.

Presently holding Board positions at (i) The Investment Trust of India Limited (ii) Paschim Gujarat VIJ Company Limited (iii) GSPL India Gasnet Limited and (iv) GSPL India Transco Limited as an Independent Director.

The Company has received a notice under Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 from a member proposing the candidature of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) for the office of Independent Director of the Company. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors observed that Mrs. Papia Sengupta's rich experience and diverse expertise in financial, governance & global presence, along with the understanding of the Company's business and Governance basis her first tenure as Director and member of Stakeholders Relationship

Committee are well suited to the role and capabilities for re-appointment for a second term. Pursuant to the performance evaluation of Mrs. Papia Sengupta and considering contributions made by her during her tenure, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that her vast knowledge and varied experience will be of great value to the Company.

The Board of Directors in their Meeting held on May 8, 2025, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation and the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, have re-appointed Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564), as an Independent Director of the Company for a further period of 3 (three) consecutive years effective September 1, 2025 until August 31, 2028 subject to approval of shareholders of the Company in this Annual General Meeting.

The Company has also received from Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564), (i) consent to act as Director, in writing in Form DIR-2 pursuant to the Rule 8 of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, (ii) disclosure in Form DIR 8 pursuant to Rule 14 (1) of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Director) Rules, 2014 to the effect that she is not disqualified under sub-Section (2) of Section 164 of the Companies Act, (iii) declaration to the effect that she meets the criteria of independence as prescribed under Section 149 of the Act read with Rules made thereunder and the SEBI Listing Regulations (iv) confirmation that she is in compliance with Rules 6(1) and 6(2) of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, with respect to her registration with the data bank of independent directors maintained by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. (v) declaration that she is not debarred from holding the office of Director by virtue of any order of Securities and Exchange Board of India and any other competent regulatory authority (vi) confirmation that she is not aware of any circumstance or situation which exists or may be reasonably anticipated that could impair or impact her ability to discharge her duties as an Independent Director of the Company.

In the opinion of the Board, Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) fulfills the conditions specified in the Act and Rules made thereunder and the proposed director is Independent of the Management. The board proposed the re-appointment of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) to shareholders of the Company for their approval in this Annual General Meeting notice.

The brief profile of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) as required under Regulation 36(3) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, is provided as 'Annexure' to this Notice. Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) is interested in the resolution set out at Item No.4 of the Notice with regard to her re-appointment and relatives of the said Director may

be deemed to be interested in the said resolution to the extent of her shareholdings, if any, in the Company.

Save and except the above, none of the other Directors or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company or Relatives of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel are in any way concerned or interested in the said resolution. Letter of appointment of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) setting out the terms and conditions is available for inspection by the members at the Registered Office of the Company.

Pursuant to Regulation 25 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the appointment of Mrs. Papia Sengupta (DIN: 07701564) is subject to the approval of the members by way of special resolution and thus the Board of Directors has only recommended the resolution as set out at Item No.4 of this Notice for your approval.

Item No. 5

Appointment of Secretarial Auditor and fix their remuneration

In terms of the amended provisions of Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the 'Listing Regulations') vide SEBI Notification dated December 12, 2024 and provisions of Section 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act'), the Company can appoint or reappoint an individual as Secretarial Auditor for not more than one term of five consecutive years or a Secretarial Audit firm as Secretarial Auditor for not more than two terms of five consecutive years with the approval of its shareholders in its Annual General Meeting. Further, a person/ partner of the firm eligible for appointment/re-appointed as a Secretarial Auditors shall be Peer Reviewed Company Secretary.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 and 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 24A of the Listing Regulations, and other applicable provisions, if any, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, and pursuant to the recommendations of the Audit Committee in its meeting held on May 8, 2025, after due deliberations and discussions on the expertise, experience, recommended to the Board of Directors of the Company, appointment of M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries, (Firm Registration No. P1990AP015500), and Peer Review Certificate no. 6326/2024) as Secretarial Auditors of the Company for a First term of five consecutive years from the conclusion of 61st Annual General Meeting ('AGM') until the conclusion of the 66th AGM of the Company at such professional fees and applicable taxes and re-imbursement of out of pocket expenses, if any, in each financial year, as mutually agreed between the Board

of Directors/any of its Committee(s) and the Secretarial Auditors of the Company.

The Audit Committee and the Board of Directors, while recommending the appointment of M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries as the Secretarial Auditors of the Company, have also taken into consideration, including but not limited to, competency of the audit team, efficiency, overall Audit approach, the credentials of the firm and partners, proven track record, Independence and their eligibility criteria prescribed under the Act and Listing Regulations.

M/s D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, is a Practicing Company Secretaries Firm with having experience of 30 years, based at Hyderabad and Mr. Hanumanta Raju, founder of said firm, is ex-president ICSI and having very vast experience and expertise on Companies Act, 2013, SEBI laws and other allied Acts. The other crucial team members having the professional expertise in dealing with all kinds of Corporate Secretarial, Foreign Exchange Laws, Corporate Advisory, Regulatory Issues and such other Allied & Legal matters. The firm rests on its strong and professional leadership that has an in-depth understanding of key business drivers.

The remuneration proposed to be paid to the Secretarial Auditors shall be commensurate with the services to be rendered by them during the said tenure and is based on the knowledge, expertise, industry experience, time and efforts required to be put by them. Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company, based on the fee proposal received and on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, has proposed a professional fee of ₹1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand Only) plus applicable taxes and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses at the actuals, if any, to M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries for FY 2025-26, towards carrying out the Secretarial Audit of the Company.

Besides the audit services, the Company would also obtain certifications which are to be mandatorily received from the secretarial auditors under various regulations and other permissible non audit services as required from time to time, for which they will be remunerated separately on mutually agreed terms, as approved by the Board in consultation with the Audit Committee.

The Board, in consultation with the Audit Committee shall approve revisions in the remuneration of the Secretarial

Auditors for the remaining part of the tenure to such extent as may be mutually agreed with the Secretarial Auditors.

M/s. D. Hanumanta Raju & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries have consented to their appointment as Secretarial Auditors and have confirmed that if appointed, their appointment will be in accordance with Section 204 read with Regulation 24A of Listing Regulations. They have also confirmed that they are not disqualified to be appointed as Secretarial Auditors in terms of provisions of the Act & Rules made thereunder and SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

None of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are concerned or interested, financial or otherwise in the Resolution as set out at Item No. 5.

The Board commends the Resolution as set out at item No. 5 of the Notice for approval by the Members.

Item No. 6

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on May 8, 2025, subject to the ratification of the remuneration by the Members, approved the re-appointment of M/s. Narasimha Murthy & Co., Cost Accountants, Hyderabad as Cost Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending March 31, 2026 and also payment of remuneration of ₹4.50 Lakhs (excluding applicable taxes) plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses as recommended by the Audit Committee at its Meeting held on May 8, 2025.

None of the Directors, Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are concerned or interested, financial or otherwise in the Resolution as set out at Item No. 6.

The Board commends the Resolution as set out at item No. 6 of the Notice for approval by the Members.

By Order of the Board
For Andhra Paper Limited
 Sd/-
Bijay Kumar Sanku
 Company Secretary

Registered Office:

Rajahmundry - 533 105
 East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India
 May 08, 2025

Annexure

**Particulars of Directors seeking re-appointment at the 61st Annual General Meeting
(Pursuant to Regulation 36 of Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard - 2)**

Name of the Director	Mr. Virendraa Bangur	Mrs. Papia Sengupta
DIN	00237043	07701564
Age	50 years	65 Years
Qualification	B.Com	Science Graduate & Chartered Financial Analyst & CAIIB
Experience (including expertise in specific functional area) / Brief Resume	Industrialist and areas of special interest in Paper, Newsprints, Chemicals, IT, Electronics, Optic Fibre, Telephone and Power Cable and Plantations.	The core competencies of Mrs. Papia Sengupta are Corporate & MSME Finance, Stressed Assets Management, Risk Management, Banking, Treasury & Investment, Audit & Inspection, Overseas Banking, Human Resource Management.
Terms and Conditions of Appointment / re-appointment	Re-appointment by rotation	Proposed to be re-appointed for a term of 3 years. No remuneration is payable except sitting fees for attending the Board & Committee Meetings.
Remuneration Last drawn	No remuneration is payable except sitting fees for attending the Board & Committee Meetings.	Not applicable. Hence receiving sitting fee.
Date if first appointment on the Board	December 30, 2019	September 1, 2022
Shareholding in the Company including shareholding as a beneficial owner as on date of Postal Ballot Notice	NIL	NIL
Relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel	Related to Mr. Shree Kumar Bangur (Father) and Mr. Saurabh Bangur (Brother)	There is no relationship with other Directors, Manager and Key Managerial Personnel's
Number of Meetings of the Board attended	Attended all the Meetings held during the year till date.	Attended all the Meetings held during the year till date.
Directorships of other Listed entities as on date of Annual General Meeting Notice.	1. West Coat Paper Mills Limited 2. Jayshree Chemicals Limited 3. Taparia Tools Limited	1. The Investment Trust of India Limited
Membership / Chairmanship of Committees of other listed entities as on date of Annual General Meeting Notice	List enclosed Below	List enclosed Below
Listed entities from which the Director has resigned in the past three years	NIL	Resigned as a Director of Indian Bank on 28.10.2024
Justification for continuing the Directorship	Being retire by rotation, it is not applicable.	In the opinion of the Board, the appointee Director's expertise and experience would be of immense benefit to the Company. The Board believes that her association would bring independent judgement on the Board and Committees in which she would be appointed and that she can appropriately balance the skills, experience and knowledge requirements. This would enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively.

For other details such as number of Meetings of the Board of Directors attended during the year and remuneration drawn, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report which is a part of this Annual Report.

Membership / Chairmanship of Committees of Mr. Virendraa Bangur in other listed entities as on date of Annual General Meeting Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Committee	Whether Chairman / Member
1	West Cost Paper Mills Limited	CSR Committee	Chairman
		Risk Management Committee	Chairman
2	Jayshree Chemicals Limited	SRC Committee	Chairman
		NRC Committee	Member

Membership / Chairmanship of Committees of Mrs. Papia Sengupta in other listed entities as on date of Annual General Meeting Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the Committee	Whether Chairman / Member
1	The Investment Trust of India Limited	Audit Committee	Member
		NRC Committee	Member
		SRC Committee	Member
		Risk Management Committee	Member

By the order of the Board
For ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED

Sd/-

Bijay Kumar Sanku
Company Secretary

Place: Rajahmundry
Date: May 08, 2025

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