

## Short Term course – An Insight

*IPPTA organised a 5 days residential short-term course on paper making for the very first time in its history from 18th Feb to 22nd Feb'18 at Saharanpur. At the onset, we were quite apprehensive of receiving a proper acknowledgement from the industry. Much to our surprise, the apprehension soon proved to be unfounded, as we ourselves were amazed with the tremendous all round acceptance.*

*It had been originally proposed to receive 25 participants for this inaugural short term course, but we were pleasantly astounded for 43 participants from 20 organisations registered themselves. Moreover, we even had overseas guests from Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh. Interestingly there were 4 female participants as well thereby adding yet another feather in our cap. The participants represented various verticals of the paper industry such as raw material procurement, pulp mill, stock preparation, paper machine, production heads, recovery, R&D, finance, marketing, QC, owners and agency holders, machinery manufacturer and consultants.*

*It is heartening to note that the industry responded with whole hearted support by deputing senior members from production sector to share ground knowledge. The job of faculty members was indeed challenging as participants represented across 17 functions of mills and from different levels as well. However the best part being, each faculty member endeavoured to share as much knowledge as possible with the participants. This extraordinary feature was the mainstay during the entire programme which added to its uniqueness.*

*Participants savoured their 5 days stay of the course, net working, enjoying delectable cuisine and engaging in gala evening delightedly. They returned home with fond memories, a vast knowledge bank and leaving behind host of well wishers.*

*The programme was inaugurated by Vice president of IPPTA Mr Ved Krishna and ably supported by industry veteran Mr Pankaj Agarwal as well as Director CPPRI Dr Bipin Thapliyal. The Award giving ceremony was performed by Dr Shanti Swarup Gupta, Senior Development officer (Paper), DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr Pawan Agarwal, President IPPTA and Mr Anil Kumar, Past President IPPTA.*

*IPPTA is quite encouraged with the huge response and now look forward to holding similar programmes in future. Words would not be sufficient to thank participants, faculty members, respective mills and CPPRI for their unstinted support which made this COURSE A GREAT SUCCESS.*