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Sitapur
1980 and 1981

S.L. Goenka
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1990-91 to 1999-2000

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Message



President Federation of Indian Plywood and Panel Industry (FIPPI)

Recent policy developments have set a transformative course for the Indian plywood and panel industry. Foremost among them is the implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO) for wood-based panel products by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). This long-awaited reform is a defining milestone in our pursuit of quality assurance, consumer protection, and international competitiveness.

The QCO introduces mandatory standards that raise the bar for product quality across the board. It helps eliminate sub-standard imports and ensures that every wood-based panel product—whether manufactured locally or imported—meets stringent norms aligned with global benchmarks. This regulatory shift will not only enhance consumer trust but also boost the credibility of Indian products in international markets.

FIPPI has actively supported this transition by collaborating with stakeholders, government agencies, and technical institutions. In particular, our partnership with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – Institute of Wood Science and Technology (ICFRE-IWST), Bangalore, has enabled the revision and modernization of product standards to reflect current and emerging needs across a wide spectrum of panel products.

At the same time, we recognize that quality norms alone are not sufficient. The future of our industry depends equally on ensuring a sustainable and secure supply of raw materials. With demand for wood-based products rising rapidly, it is vital that growth is underpinned by responsible sourcing. India already meets nearly 93% of its timber needs from Trees Outside Forests (TOFs). Building on this strength, recent policy reforms have eased tree-felling and transit regulations, encouraging farmers to grow high-yield, high-value timber species on private lands.

As we implement the QCO and deepen our commitment to sustainability, FIPPI continues to engage with certification bodies, Furniture industry leaders, and policymakers to ensure a smooth transition. Our focus remains on technological innovation, quality enhancement, and environmentally responsible practices. The plywood and panel industry must evolve as a resilient, future-ready sector—capable of meeting global standards without compromising on ecological integrity.

FIPPI strongly supports the expansion of agroforestry and TOF-based plantations, which align industry development with environmental sustainability and rural economic empowerment. We advocate for policies that incentivize tree farming, create market linkages for farmers, and streamline procedures for harvesting and transport. These efforts will help reduce import dependency, stabilize raw material supply, and deliver economic value to millions of rural households.

The path ahead is both challenging and promising. Let us move forward with renewed purpose, embracing quality, sustainability, and inclusive growth as the pillars of our collective success. Together, we can position India as a global leader in the wood-based panel industry.



Rajesh Mittal
President
Federation of Indian Plywood & Panel Industry (FIPPI)



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Leading India's Plywood & Panel Industry Since 1961

For over six decades, the Federation of Indian Plywood & Panel Industry (FIPPI) has been the driving force behind India's wood panel sector, championing innovation, sustainability, and excellence. Since its inception in 1961, FIPPI has played a pivotal role in shaping industry policies, setting quality standards, and fostering responsible growth.

As the premier industry association, FIPPI unites manufacturers, suppliers, and stakeholders to build a strong, sustainable, and globally competitive plywood and panel industry. Our commitment to eco-friendly practices, technological advancements, and business development ensures a thriving future for the sector.

With a legacy of leadership and a vision for the future, FIPPI continues to empower businesses, advocate for industry interests, and drive progress.



VISION

Empowering the growth, sustainability, and global competitiveness of Indian Plywood and Panel Industry through collaboration, innovation, stewardship and advocacy.

MISSION

To make FIPPI a robust organization representing all firms, companies, corporations, associations, and individuals engaged in the 'Plywood & Panel' industry in India nationally and internationally, promoting their interests, fostering cooperation among members, and advocating for policies and institutions to support the sector's growth, quality, competitiveness, sustainability, and stewardship.



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OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen Membership & Engagement

- Increase membership by 50% and enhance industry networking.
- Organize meetings, workshops, and training programs.
- Improve communication via website, social media, and magazine.

2. Promote Innovation & Quality Standards

- Develop HDF, Block Board, MDF, and Particle Board standards.
- Facilitate technology transfer and quality control.
- Implement Quality Control Orders for industry compliance.

3. Policy Advocacy & Institutional Reforms

- Collaborate with government bodies on regulations and sustainability.
- Submit policy recommendations and organize advocacy events.
- Establish Timber Development Council & State Wood Councils.

4. Industry & Trade Support

- Conduct market research and trade analysis.
- Advocate for GST reduction and lower custom duties on wood products.
- Ensure fair trade policies in FTA agreements.

5. Drive Sustainability Initiatives

- Develop sustainability guidelines for responsible sourcing.
- Promote sustainable forestry and green certification programs.
- Lead carbon footprint reduction and climate initiatives.

FIPPI is dedicated to advancing the Indian plywood & panel industry through innovation, policy support, and sustainability.



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Engaging, Exhibiting and Elevating: FIPPI's Strategic Presence at **MATECIA & INDIAWOOD 2025**

From Insightful Sessions to Industry Connections: FIPPI's Participation at MATECIA 2025 Bengaluru

FIPPI made a strong mark at MATECIA 2025, one of India's premier exhibitions for materials, architecture and design. With over 20,500+ visitors, including architects, interior designers, builders and dealers, the event served as a vibrant networking hub for the wood-based panel industry.

FIPPI's active participation included a technical session on "Adoption of QCO by the Wood Panel Industry in 2025: Preparedness & Way Forward", featuring expert panellists from FIPPI, IWST and industry leaders. The event significantly boosted outreach in Southern states—Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Goa—and reinforced FIPPI's leadership in industry advocacy, quality compliance and innovation.



FIPPI Pavilion at MATECIA 2025, Bangalore – A vibrant hub of industry interaction and outreach.



FIPPI at India Wood 2025, Noida – Showcasing industry leadership in innovation, compliance and sustainable growth.

Crafting Connections, Cultivating Growth: FIPPI at INDIAWOOD 2025, Greater Noida

Celebrating 25 years of excellence, INDIAWOOD 2025 showcased India's emergence as a global hub for wood-based manufacturing and technology. FIPPI's participation was pivotal, promoting its core pillars: quality compliance, standardization, skill development and sustainability.

The FIPPI Pavilion emerged as a key knowledge and interaction centre, spreading awareness on Quality Control Orders (QCOs) and the importance of BIS-certified wood panel products. It served as a powerful medium to connect with stakeholders and share FIPPI's ongoing initiatives for building a future-ready, globally competitive industry.



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From Planning to Progress: **FIPPI Committee Meetings Powering the Wood Panel Industry**

Charting the 2025 Roadmap: FIPPI Committee Meeting on 17th January 2025 in New Delhi

FIPPI's inaugural Committee Meeting of 2025 convened at Hotel Park, New Delhi, bringing together key industry leaders from prominent companies such as Century Plyboard, Greenply Industries, Duroply, Merino Industries, Greenpanel, Rushil Décor and others.

The meeting focused on collaboratively setting the strategic roadmap for the year with emphasis on timely implementation of Quality Control Orders (QCOs), sustainability of timber raw materials, GST rationalization and broad sectoral collaboration across plywood, MDF and particle board segments. Discussions highlighted the need to support MSMEs through cluster testing labs and robust public awareness campaigns in print and digital media.



FIPPI Committee Meeting on 17th January 2025, New Delhi – Industry leaders setting the 2025 roadmap with focus on QCO compliance, GST rationalization and sustainability.

Mid-Year Strategic Review: FIPPI Committee Meeting on 10th July 2025 in New Delhi

FIPPI convened its half-yearly Committee Meeting at the Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi, with industry leaders from associations such as AIPMA, HPMA, SIPMA and the UK-UP Association, as well as major manufacturers including Century Plyboard, Greenply Industries, Duroply, Merino Industries, Greenpanel, Rushil Décor and others.

Key discussions revolved around industry innovation, policy support, sustainability and a shared vision for sectoral transformation. During the meeting, FIPPI launched the latest edition of its flagship magazine 'Indian Wood & Allied Panels' and announced new initiatives, including a revamped website and a visually rich Coffee Table Book chronicling the Federation's journey.



FIPPI Committee Meeting on 10th July 2025, New Delhi – Mid-year review addressing innovation, policy support and sectoral transformation goals.



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FIPPI & AFMT B2B Meeting on 17th January 2025 in New Delhi – Industry leaders engaged in strategic discussions to support the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for plywood, MDF & particleboard to enhance standards and consumer confidence in the furniture manufacturing sector.

FIPPI – AFMT Engagement for Product Quality & Innovation

FIPPI held a meeting with the Association of Furniture Manufacturers and Traders (AFMT) on 17th January 2025, in New Delhi. The discussion focused on the implementation of the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for plywood, MDF and particleboard within India's furniture manufacturing sector. It was emphasized that the QCOs would benefit both organizations by improving industry standards and boosting consumer confidence.

Continuing its close coordination with AFMT, FIPPI convened a virtual meeting on 16th June 2025 with leading plywood, MDF and particleboard manufacturers to address AFMT's specific product requirements. The discussion centered on the growing market demand for value-added and innovative wood-based products, such as pre-laminated plywood, synchronized melamine-faced panels, flexible boards, fire-rated panels, and PET-finish decorative boards. Industry participants, encouraged by FIPPI's facilitation, confirmed their readiness to begin production in line with AFMT's specifications, ensuring that the evolving needs of the furniture sector are met through domestic capabilities and cutting-edge solutions.

INDIAN WOOD & ALLIED PANELS – The Voice of FIPPI

FIPPI's flagship magazine, Indian Wood & Allied Panels, is recognised as the Voice of FIPPI, chronicling the Federation's activities, events and policy engagements. Published quarterly, it delivers in-depth insights, expert commentary and timely updates on industry trends, regulatory developments, technological advancements and market dynamics – connecting key players across the wood panel sector.

Serving as a vital communication platform, the magazine bridges manufacturers, policymakers, industry associations and stakeholders. It showcases success stories, innovation highlights, sustainability initiatives and sectoral achievements. Its visually rich layout and engaging content make it an indispensable resource for everyone connected to India's wood panel sector.



Release of FIPPI's Quarterly Magazine–Indian Wood & Allied Panels, Volume 19, Issue 2 (April-June 2025), during the FIPPI Committee Meeting on 10 July 2025 at the Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi.



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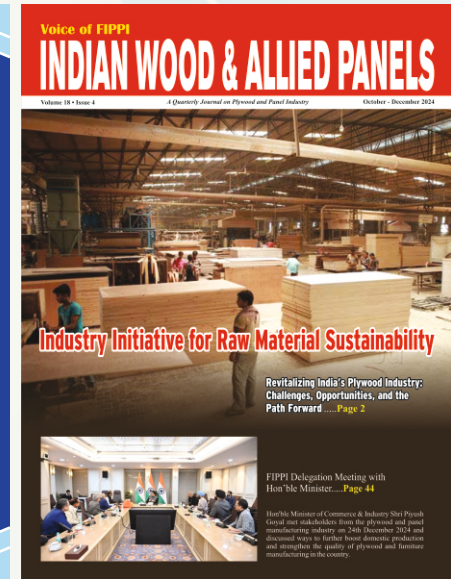
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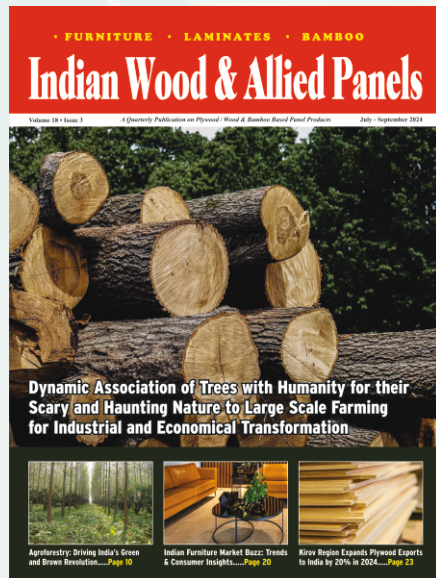
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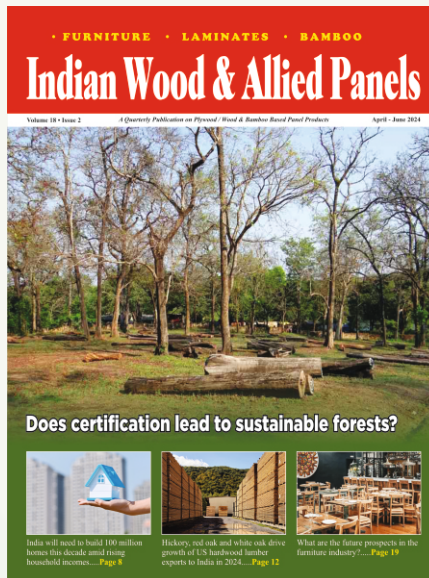
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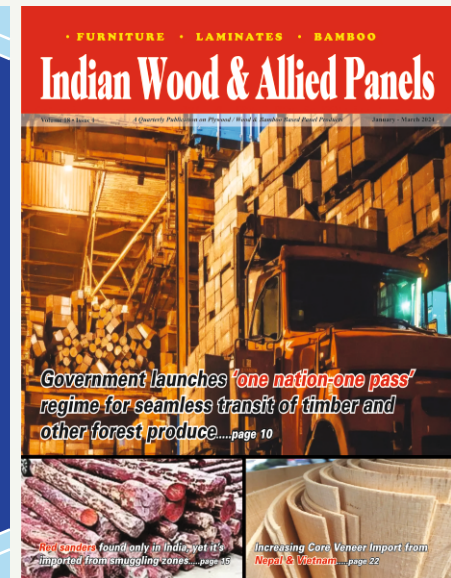
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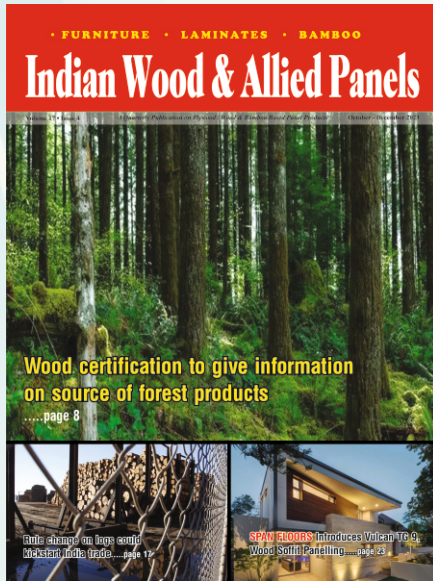
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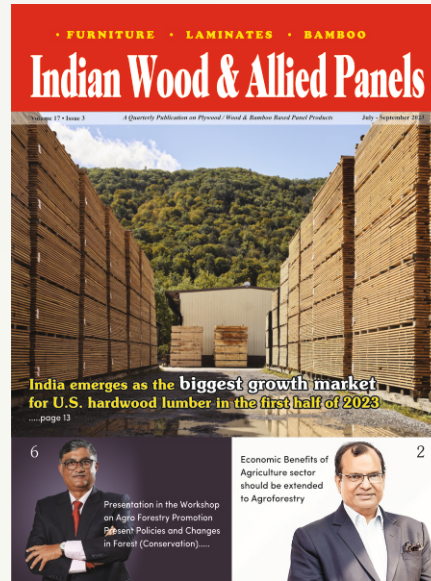


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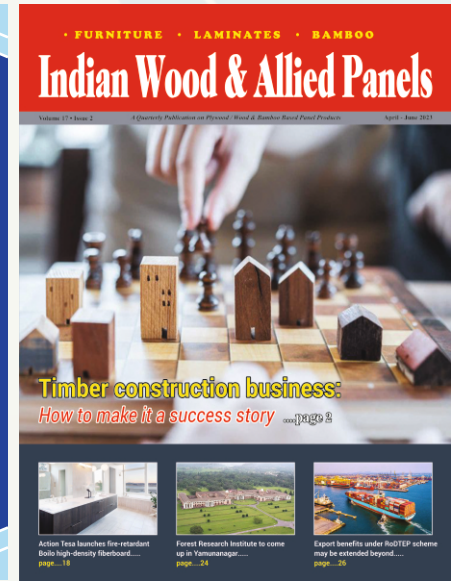
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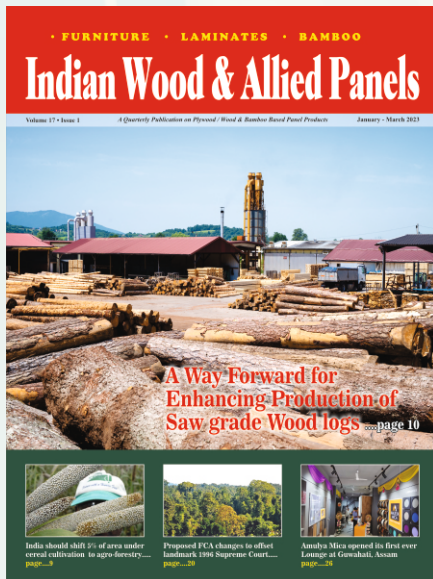
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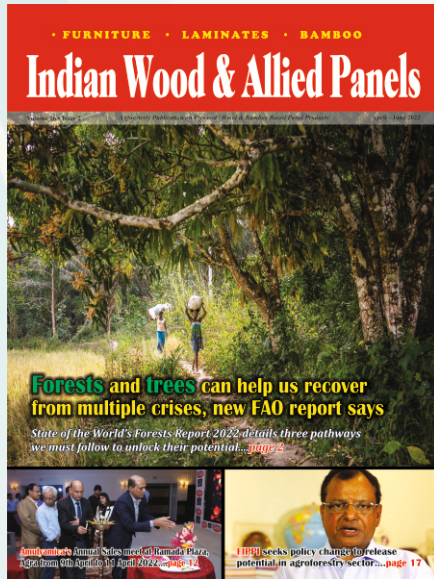
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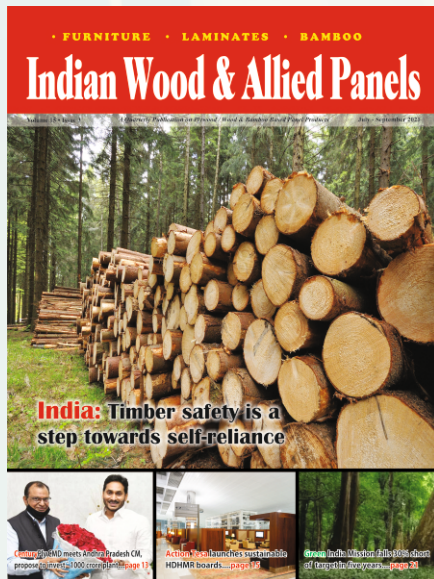
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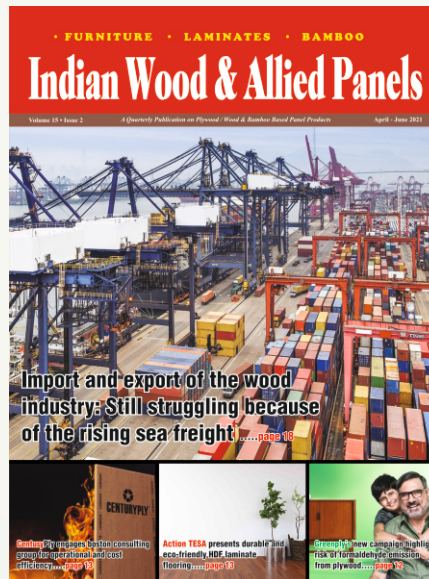
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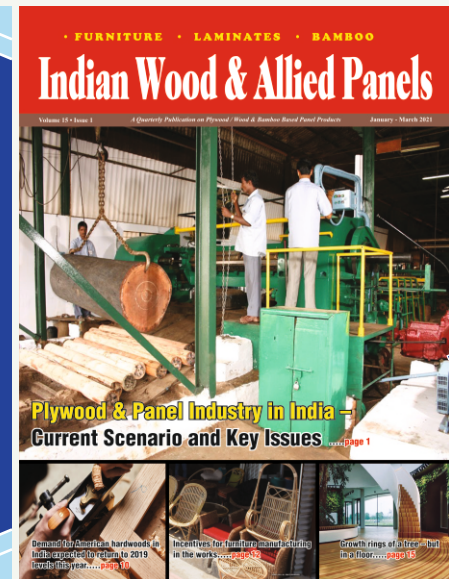
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Driving Standards and Growth: Plywood & Panel Industry Endorses QCOs in Strategic Talks with Shri Piyush Goyal

FIPPI has strongly endorsed the implementation of the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) and played a pivotal role in ensuring their smooth adoption across the industry. Supporting the vision of Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal, the industry has acknowledged the importance of QCOs in boosting domestic manufacturing, curbing the inflow of sub-standard imports and positioning India as a global manufacturing powerhouse.

Taking a proactive approach, FIPPI has provided continuous guidance to its members, monitored import trends and raised timely alerts on non-BIS-compliant imports – safeguarding the domestic market and promoting only BIS-certified products. Through targeted awareness campaigns involving manufacturers, traders and consumers, the Federation has reinforced its commitment to building a robust, quality-driven ecosystem for the plywood and panel sector.



Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal met stakeholders from the plywood and panel manufacturing industry on 24th December 2024 and discussed ways to further boost domestic production and strengthen the quality of plywood and furniture manufacturing in the country.

Skill Development Partnership with FFSC: Empowering the Workforce



FIPPI proudly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Furniture & Fittings Skill Council (FFSC) to advance comprehensive skill development across the plywood and panel sector. This strategic partnership is designed to build a certified, future-ready workforce that directly supports the national vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and the growth of India's manufacturing ecosystem.

Through this collaboration, FIPPI and FFSC are working closely to align training programs with evolving industry requirements, enhance employability and improve productivity. The partnership aims to strengthen the sector's skilled manpower foundation, supporting MSMEs and fostering long-term competitiveness and innovation.



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Driving Policy Advocacy & Institutional Change: FIPPI Urges Reconstitution of Development Council in Strategic Talks with Shri Piyush Goyal

FIPPI continues to play a pivotal role in policy-making forums as the voice of India's plywood and panel industry. As part of its advocacy efforts, FIPPI has been working on the reconstitution of the Development Council for the plywood and panel industry under Section 6 of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

On 10th July 2025, a FIPPI delegation met Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal to submit a formal representation requesting the reconstitution of the Development Council for the plywood and panel sector. The proposed council is envisioned to drive inter-ministerial coordination, address raw material challenges, promote innovation, foster skill development and unlock the sector's export potential.



A delegation from FIPPI meets Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal on 10th July 2025 – submitting a formal representation for the reconstitution of the Development Council for the plywood & panel industry.

Trade & Taxation Focus: FIPPI's Initiatives for GST Reduction & Enhanced Export Opportunities



FIPPI Engages with CAPEXIL to Explore Export Opportunities and Boost Global Competitiveness of India's Plywood and Panel Industry.

As part of its advocacy efforts for trade and tax reforms, FIPPI is actively pushing for the rationalization of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on agroforestry-sourced wood and plywood & panel products manufactured from farm-grown timber, proposing a reduction from 18% to 5%. In this regard, FIPPI has submitted a formal representation to the GST Council, emphasizing that agroforestry-sourced wood should be recognized as farm-based produce and that wood panels should be subject to a lower GST rate compared to their non-sustainable alternatives.

In addition to tax reforms, FIPPI is proactively engaging with CAPEXIL to explore and enhance the export potential of the Indian plywood and panel sector. By aligning tax reforms with targeted export support, FIPPI seeks to boost the sector's global standing while fostering sustainable development, improving farmer incomes and contributing to India's economic and environmental objectives.



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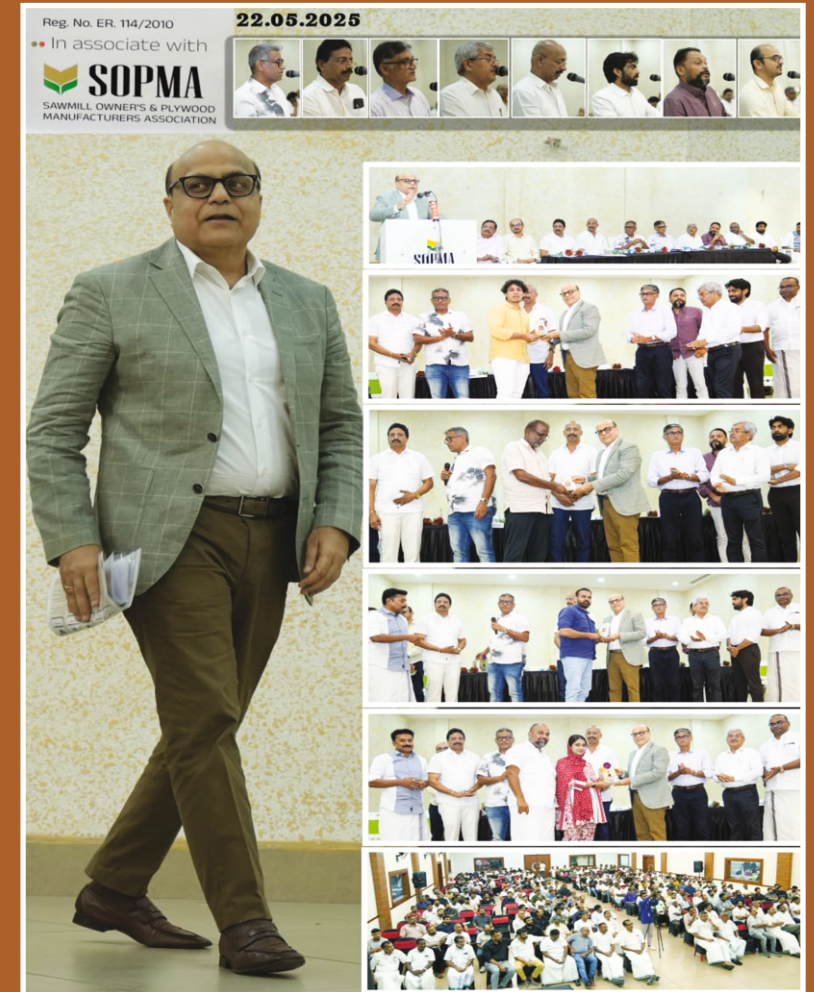
Inclusive Industry Development: FIPPI's Ground-Level Engagement in Kerala, Mysore & Gujarat

FIPPI has been actively supporting regional MSMEs through on-ground engagement with local associations and stakeholders in Kerala, Mysore and Gujarat. In Southern India, FIPPI strengthened its outreach by collaborating with the South Indian Plywood Manufacturing Association (SIPMA) in Mysore to review challenges in implementing QCOs and to develop collective strategies for the industry.



FIPPI Meeting with the South Indian Plywood Manufacturing Association (SIPMA) on 4th April 2025 – Discussing Critical Issues Related to QCO Implementation.

In Kerala, FIPPI worked closely with the All-Kerala Plywood and Block Board Manufacturers Association (AKPBMA) and the Sawmill Owners and Plywood Manufacturers Association (SOPMA). The discussions focused on pressing issues such as BIS certification challenges, rising input costs and addressing the specific needs of small and medium plywood manufacturers in the region.



FIPPI Leadership Engages with the All-Kerala Plywood and Block Board Manufacturers Association (AKPBMA) & the Sawmill Owners and Plywood Manufacturers Association (SOPMA) on 22nd May 2025 in Kerala – Discussing Opportunities, Challenges and Support for the Kerala Plywood Industry.



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A key initiative involved strategic talks with the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Kannur University to explore the establishment of a plywood testing laboratory within the Department of Wood Science and Technology. This initiative aims to support MSMEs in the region in meeting Quality Control Order (QCO) requirements and enhance product certification and compliance.



FIPPI's Meeting with the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Kannur University on 5th May 2025 – Exploring the Establishment of Cluster Laboratories.



FIPPI Meeting with the North Malabar Plywood & Door Manufacturers Association on 5th May 2025 – Advancing Quality Compliance and Capacity Building for Kerala's Plywood MSMEs.

In Gujarat, FIPPI, along with the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), visited door manufacturing units to assist with QCO implementation and identify technical challenges. The discussions highlighted the need to amend existing standards, particularly IS 2202 and IS 2191, to better accommodate the use of recycled wood, mixed core materials, and commercial door tolerances – key factors for promoting innovation and affordability in low-cost housing.



FIPPI Meeting with Door Manufacturers from Gujarat on 25th July 2025 – Supporting QCOs Implementation and Advocating Standard Amendments.



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Driving Standardization: FIPPI Members Sponsor Key Research Projects at IWST for Development of New BIS Standards

FIPPI, in collaboration with the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, is actively sponsoring and guiding the development of new BIS standards. Sponsored projects include:

- Flexi-Ply (sponsored by M/s Greenply)
- Fire Retardant MDF & Particle Board (Sponsored by M/s Century, Greenply, Greenpanel, Merino, Rushil Décor, Balaji Action Buildwell)
- High-Density MDF (Sponsored by M/s Action Tesa)
- Pre-laminated Plywood (Sponsored by M/s Greenply)
- Bagasse Particle Board (Evaluation project sponsored by IBBMA)
- Development of standard for assessing formaldehyde emission by desiccator method (sponsored by FIPPI)

In parallel, FIPPI has proposed revisions to existing standards such as IS 303, IS 4990, IS 710, and IS 1659, aligning them with global benchmarks and industry needs.



Flexi Ply



Fire-retardant MDF



Laminated Flooring



Pre-Laminated Plywood



Bagasse Particle Board

Advancing Sustainability: FIPPI and ICFRE Joint Efforts on Clone Development for Plywood and Panel Industry



FIPPI, in line with its long-term sustainability vision, is seeking to partner with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) through a formal MoU to initiate focused R&D on clone development tailored specifically for the plywood and panel industry. Recognizing that existing clones were primarily developed for the paper industry and may not meet industry-specific requirements, FIPPI is spearheading efforts to identify and propagate region- and species-specific clones with ideal lignin content, density and fiber quality for superior panel production.

Looking ahead, FIPPI plans to organize sustainability workshops and support the establishment of nurseries via regional associations. These initiatives aim to secure a sustainable and high-quality raw material supply chain that fosters growth while aligning with environmental goals and strengthening the industry's future resilience.



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FIPPI – ICFRE Collaboration: **Pioneering Agroforestry – Based Carbon Credit Methodology**

FIPPI, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), is developing a scientifically robust and India-specific methodology for agroforestry-based carbon offset projects under the framework of the Indian Carbon Market (ICM). This initiative aligns with the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022 and subsequent notifications that govern carbon credit trading in India.

Recognizing the inclusion of agroforestry as an eligible sector under the offset mechanism of the ICM, this partnership aims to create a standardized approach for measuring, verifying and validating carbon sequestration from agroforestry systems across India's diverse agro-climatic zones. The methodology will be aligned with IPCC guidelines and global best practices to ensure credibility and applicability in both compliance and voluntary carbon markets.

With ICFRE's expertise in forestry and carbon stock assessment and FIPPI's strong industry presence and field network, this collaboration will enable farmers, landowners and wood-based industries to actively participate in carbon markets, thereby supporting India's climate goals under the Paris Agreement and advancing the National Mission for a Green India.

Step 1: Methodology Concept Note Submission
Methodology developer submits the methodology concept note and ICM Administrator reviews the concept note and provides decision on concept note submission.



Step 2: Draft Methodology Preparation
On approval of the concept note, Methodology developer submits the draft of the methodology and ICM Administrator assesses the eligibility in line with the "Methodology Development & Adoption Procedure."



Step 3: Methodology Review by Technical Committee for Offset Mechanism
ICM Administrator conducts a completeness check submits to the Technical Committee for review. The ICM Administrator responds to the review comments by committee and obtains approval from the committee for publishing it on ICM web portal for public comments.



Step 4: Draft Methodology for Public Comments
ICM Administrator publishes the draft methodology on the ICM web portal for public comments for 30 calendar days.



Step 5: Publication of methodology on ICM Web-Portal
The public comments are addressed by the methodology developer through changes/revisions in consultation with the ICM Administrator. The Technical Committee reviews the revised methodology and prepares its recommendations. Subsequently, ICM Administrator, on the recommendation of the NSC-ICM and approval of the Central Government publishes the methodology on ICM Web Portal.

Development of the Methodology for Agroforestry-Based Carbon Offset Projects under the Indian Carbon Market.

FIPPI's Response to Draft ECO Mark Criteria for Wood & Wood Substitutes



FIPPI has submitted a detailed response to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on the draft ECO-Mark criteria for wood and wood substitute products. FIPPI emphasized that plywood, MDF and particleboard – primarily produced from plantation timber and agroforestry – are inherently sustainable, renewable and eco-friendly. These engineered panels reduce reliance on non-renewable alternatives like PVC, possess low embodied energy and contribute to carbon sequestration.

FIPPI further highlighted that nearly 97% of raw material used in the industry is sourced from Trees Outside Forests (TOFs) and farm forestry, which does not warrant mandatory certification under the still developing Indian Forest and Wood

Certification Scheme (IFWCS). Instead, emphasis should be placed on traceability mechanisms, already adopted by industry players.

In addition, FIPPI recommended revisiting stringent technical clauses such as mandatory use of bio adhesives (still under experimentation), aggressive water reduction targets and high recycled content thresholds – stating they should be based on industry consultations.



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Sustainability in Action: **Plantation and Green Initiatives by FIPPI Members**

FIPPI is strongly committed to advancing environmental sustainability within the plywood and panel industry. It has gathered comprehensive data on plantation and green initiatives from its member companies, including Century Plyboards (India) Ltd., Greenply Industries Ltd., Merino Industries Ltd., Balaji Action Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. (Action Tesa) and Rushil Décor Pvt. Ltd.

Century Plyboards (India) Ltd.

Century Ply is committed to responsible raw material sourcing and has been driving plantation efforts across multiple states, particularly in West Bengal. By encouraging tree farming through farmer collaborations, the company ensures a consistent and renewable timber supply for its manufacturing needs. Its initiatives include nursery support, distribution of high-yielding clonal saplings and technical training, thereby creating a strong ecosystem of sustainability and economic empowerment for rural stakeholders.



Century Plyboards (India) supplied around 17 million seedlings covering around 26000 acres of land by the end of 2024.

Greenply Industries Ltd.

Greenply has made sustainability a core of its business by promoting agroforestry-based timber sourcing. Through a well-structured farmer engagement model, the company supports poplar and eucalyptus plantations, ensuring traceability and adherence to sustainable practices. Greenply's initiatives not only help reduce pressure on natural forests but also improve livelihoods in rural communities by offering technical assistance, quality saplings and buy-back arrangements that assure market access to farmers.



Greenply Industries Ltd. planted around 64.3 million saplings, covering approximately 90451 acres near its manufacturing units by the end of 2024.



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Balaji Action Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. (Action TESA)

Action TESA leads a robust plantation movement across Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Through its advanced Clonal Production Centre and mobile app 'Kalpa-Taru', the company offers geo-tagging, field monitoring, training and transparent buyback policies. Supported by Zero Liquid Discharge and solar energy systems at its Sitarganj facility, Action TESA embodies a holistic sustainability model aimed at redefining green manufacturing in India.



Action TESA distributed more than 11.46 million high-yielding clonal saplings, covering approximately 11,463 acres of land by December 2024.

Merino Industries Ltd.

In October 2023, Merino Industries commissioned its integrated FABwood industrial complex in Halol, Gujarat, uniting chipboard, pre-laminated panel and modular furniture production under one sustainable brand. At the heart of this initiative is Merino's agroforestry-driven model, which connects over 2,500 farmers across nine districts through its HAMRAHI program. With a hi-tech nursery producing over 25 lakh saplings annually and a strong field extension team, Merino promotes eucalyptus, subabul and casuarina plantations, ensuring backward linkages from sustainable timber to finished furniture. By empowering farmers with clone saplings, training and transparent procurement systems, Merino is creating a resilient ecosystem that supports livelihoods and drives India's green manufacturing vision.

Rushil Décor Ltd.

Rushil Décor's Green Initiative in Andhra Pradesh has led to the plantation of over 24 million saplings, significantly contributing to reforestation and rural development. The program empowers small and marginal farmers with subsidies, high-quality eucalyptus clones and technical training for agroforestry. By enhancing soil health, biodiversity and community engagement, Rushil Décor demonstrates how corporate action can align with environmental and economic goals.



Rushil Décor Limited as a part of its green initiative, planted around 24 million saplings across various districts by the end of 2024.



Merino industries Ltd. planted around 12 million saplings covering around 12,593 acres.



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*FIPPI would like to thank all its members for **their kind support in making the mission towards the implementation of the Quality Control Orders (QCO) successful***

QUALITY CONTROL ORDERS (QCOs) FOR PLYWOOD AND PANEL PRODUCTS

(Mandatory BIS Certification for Standardized, Safe and Durable Products)

The Government of India is building a robust quality ecosystem to align with the Make in India vision of Zero Defect, Zero Effect. As part of this effort, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have issued Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for plywood and panel products (effective February 2025). These mandatory standards aim to strengthen domestic manufacturing, enhance consumer safety, and establish India as a global hub for high-quality, standardized products and while discouraging the production and circulation of substandard, non-compliant products.

With QCO implementation, the industry is expected to witness a significant growth in both domestic demand and export potential post-QCO enforcement. This initiative will play a key role in developing superior quality products in India, thereby fulfilling the Prime Minister's vision of creating an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Plywood & Panel Products Covered under QCOs

Plywood and Wooden flush door shutters (Quality Control) Order, 2024

Indian Standards	Title of the Standard
IS 303	Plywood for general purposes
IS 2202 (Part 1)	Wooden flush door shutters (solid core type) - Plywood face panels
IS 2202 (Part 2)	Wooden Flush Door Shutters (Solid core type) - Particle Board, High Density Fibre Board, Medium Density Fibre Board and Fibre Hardboard Face Panels
IS 710	Marine plywood
IS 5509	Fire retardant plywood
IS 1328	Veneered decorative plywood
IS 2191 (Part 1)	Wooden flush door shutters (cellular and hollow core type) - Plywood face panels
IS 2191 (Part 2)	Wooden flush door shutters (cellular and hollow core type) - Particle board and hardboard face panels

IS 4990	Plywood for concrete shuttering works - Specification
IS 10701	Structural plywood - Specification

Wood Based Boards (Quality Control) Order, 2024

Indian Standards	Title of the Standard
IS 1659	Block Boards
IS 12823	Prelaminated particle boards from wood and other Lignocellulosic material
IS 3087	Particle boards of wood and other lignocellulosic materials (medium density) for general purposes
IS 12406	Medium density fibre boards for general purpose
IS 3097	Veneered particle boards



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Key QCO Provisions

- **Mandatory Standard Mark:** All listed goods must meet the relevant Indian Standards and bear the Standard Mark under a BIS licence (Scheme-1, Schedule-II, 2018 Regulations).
- **Certifying Authority:** BIS is the certifying and enforcing body for these goods.
- **Penalty for Violation:** Non-compliance is punishable under the BIS Act, 2016.

Key Benefits of QCOs

- Protect consumer interests, ensure product safety, and improve overall quality.
- Guarantees compliance with BIS standards.
- Builds trust in certified products, enhancing market credibility.
- Reduces risks of inferior or counterfeit products in the market.
- Encourages domestic manufacturers to produce high-quality products.
- Facilitates entry into global markets with certified and quality-assured products.
- Discourages unorganized players from compromising quality.
- Creates a level playing field for both small-scale and large manufacturers.

10 Key Steps Towards QCO Compliances





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FIPPI's Contribution to QCO Implementation

- **Facilitating Smooth Compliance:** FIPPI has played a pivotal role in supporting the industry through the implementation of Quality Control Orders (QCOs), ensuring members transition smoothly to full compliance.
- **Monitoring Imports & Protecting Domestic Industry:** By consistently tracking import trends and flagging non-compliant consignments, the Federation has helped safeguard the domestic market and promote certified, high-quality products.
- **Spreading Awareness on BIS Certification:** Extensive awareness campaigns have been conducted, reaching manufacturers, traders, and consumers to highlight the importance of BIS certification and quality compliance.
- **Technical Support & Regional Empowerment:** FIPPI provides continuous handholding and technical assistance to regional associations across India, addressing opportunities, challenges, and support needs. Efforts include establishing regional testing centres, promoting plantation timber from local sources, and advocating for simplified certification norms, etc.
- **Strategic Collaborations and On-Ground Support to MSMEs:** In South India, FIPPI has supported Kannur University and the North Malabar Plywood and Door Manufacturers Association to strengthen quality compliance and build the capacity of plywood MSMEs, helping them meet QCO requirements. Through collaborations with IWS, FIPPI has assisted door manufacturing units in Gujarat, offering solutions to technical challenges and providing training, certification guidance, and workshops to ensure timely and smooth QCO compliance.
- **R&D Efforts:** The Federation also collaborates with the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWS), Bangalore to sponsor the development of new BIS standards for a range of wood-based products and revision of existing standards to improve clarity, address industry concerns and to align with global benchmarks.

FIPPI's Commitment to Quality and Industry Growth

FIPPI remains steadfast in its support to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in fulfilling its mission of delivering high-quality products to consumers. FIPPI has played a pivotal role in supporting the industry through the implementation of the Quality Control Orders (QCOs), ensuring members transition smoothly to full compliance. Through regular with the Director General, BIS, FIPPI has facilitated the effective implementation of the QCOs and addressed concerns raised by MSMEs regarding obtaining new BIS licenses or maintaining existing licenses for manufacturing plywood and panel products. FIPPI has also advocated for the establishment of additional testing laboratories in key plywood manufacturing clusters, encouraging broader participation in quality compliance while helping MSMEs maintain competitive pricing with faster turnaround time.



A delegation from FIPPI meets Director General, BIS on 26th December 2024 – submitting a formal representation on challenges faced by MSMEs in obtaining and maintaining BIS licenses for plywood and panel manufacturing.



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FIPPI CALLS ON ALL WOOD PANEL & PLY INDUSTRIES!

Are you in the wood panel and plywood industry? Looking to grow, collaborate, and drive innovation in the sector? FIPPI (Federation of Indian Plywood & Panel Industry) invites you to join hands with us for a stronger, more united industry!

WHY JOIN FIPPI?

- ✓ Stronger Together -A united voice for policy advocacy
- ✓ Business Growth -Networking and trade opportunities
- ✓ Industry Insights -Stay ahead with market trends & updates
- ✓ Sustainability & Innovation -Work towards a greener future

WHO CAN JOIN?

Plywood Manufacturers Veneer & Panel Producers MDF, Particle Board & Laminates Businesses and Allied Manufacturers

HOW TO REGISTER?

Write to us at: fippi@fippi.org

Let's build a stronger future for the industry - TOGETHER!

FIPPI - Uniting the Wood Panel & Ply Industry for Progress!





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Registered Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Pin Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

SECTION 2: BUSINESS DETAILS

Business Type (Tick the appropriate option): ☐ Plywood Manufacturer ☐ MDF Manufacturer ☐ Veneer Producer ☐ Supplier / Trader ☐ Other: _____

Year of Establishment: _____ Company Registration Number (if applicable): _____ GST Number: _____

Annual Turnover: _____ Number of Employees: _____

SECTION 3: KEY CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____ Designation: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

☐ Primary Membership ☐ Associate Membership ☐ Affiliate Membership

SECTION 5: DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (Attach with Application)

☐ Copy of Business Registration Certificate ☐ GST Certificate ☐ Company Profile (Brief Overview) ☐ Any Other Relevant Documents

SECTION 6: DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I/We agree to abide by the rules and regulations of FIPPI and actively participate in its activities for the growth of the plywood and panel industry.

Authorized Signatory: _____ Name: _____ Designation: _____ Date: _____





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TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER!

Our Primary Members

- AK Apple Ply Pvt. Ltd.
- Amazon Wood Pvt. Ltd.
- Amulya Mica Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Archidply Industries Ltd.
- Austin Plywood Pvt. Ltd.
- Balaji Action Buildwell Pvt. Ltd.
- Century Plyboards (India) Ltd.
- Duroply Industries Ltd.
- Gattani Industries
- Greenlam Industries Ltd.
- Greenpanel Industries Ltd.
- Greenply Industries Ltd.
- Gujarat Woodlam Products Pvt. Ltd.
- Hunsur Plywood Works Pvt. Ltd.
- Jacsons Veneers And Panels Pvt. Ltd.
- Jollyboard Ltd.
- Magnus Plywood Pvt. Ltd.
- Mayur Panel Pvt. Ltd.
- Merino Industries Ltd.
- Northern Plywood Product
- Oswin Wood Panels Pvt. Ltd.
- Palghar Plywood Products Pvt. Ltd.
- R.P. Wood Products Pvt. Ltd.
- Realply Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Riangdo Veneers Pvt. Ltd.
- Royale Touche Laminates Pvt. Ltd.
- Rushil Décor Ltd.
- Sylvan Plyboard (India) Ltd.
- The Western India Plywood Ltd.
- United Timber Works
- Woodon Mdf Panels Pvt. Ltd.

Our Associate Members

- ARCL Organics Ltd.

Our Affiliate Members

- All India Plywood Manufacturers Association (AIPMA)
- All Kerala Plywood & Block Board Manufacturers Association (AKPBBMA)
- Association of Indian Plywood & Laminate Industries
- Association of Indian Plywood Panels & Laminate Industries
- Awadh Plywood Manufacturers Association (U.P.)
- Delhi - NCR Plywood Manufacturers Association
- Gujarat Plywood & Veneers Manufacturers Association
- Haryana Plywood Manufacturers Association
- J & K Plywood Plywood Manufacturers Association
- Kandla Timber Association
- North Malabar Plywood & Doors Manufacturers Association
- Plywood Manufacturers Welfare Association (U.P.)
- Punjab Plywood Manufacturers Association
- Rajasthan Plywood Manufacturers Association
- Saw Mill Owners & Plywood Manufacturers Association (SOPMA)
- The Bengaluru Plywood Manufacturers Association
- The Karnataka Plywood Manufacturers Association
- The South Indian Plywood Manufacturers Association (SIPMA)



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acknowledge the vision and guidance
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