

Sirpur Mills to kick off commercial production from April

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Hyderabad: Sirpur Paper Mills, which was acquired by JK Paper Ltd last year for Rs 371 crore, has begun trial production and will commence commercial production from the first quarter of next fiscal, a top JK Paper official said.

"We hope to commence full-fledged commercial production with 5,000 tonnes per month from the first week of April once two machines become fully operational. In the current quarter we don't think we will be able to do more than 1,000-1,500 tonnes per day," AS Mehta, president & director, JK Paper Ltd, said.

"We began test production at Sirpur with one machine and over the next 10-15 days we will test the product quality being churned out by the machine. We plan to start the second machine in the next 10 days or so, by when we hope to stabilise the first machine and begin producing about 5,000 tonnes per month of production from April," Mehta said.

According to him, the company also plans to begin installation of a high efficiency coal fired boiler in a month's time so that it is up and running by 2020-21 even as the third machine is expected to get into action by June followed by the fourth machine. To begin with, JK Paper will be manufacturing writing and printing paper at the newly revived Sirpur Mills and hopes to begin making some value-added products like coloured paper, absorbant craft paper, ledger paper and parchment paper once the third machine kicks into production, Mehta explained. Pointing out that the company has earmarked a capex of Rs 300 crore in the first phase for Sirpur Mills, Mehta said in the second phase the company will be incurring a capex of Rs 120 crore.