

People's cooperation sought for recycling waste paper

Entrepreneur says he makes over 1.5 tonnes of recycled paper a day and reduces damage to the environment



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R. B. Singh Ahluwalia displaying paper made from used clothes at the factory in Dubai.

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Dubai The public as well as the print media are being urged to deliver their scrap paper to the Oasis Paper Industry Company in Dubai to get it recycled.

R.B. Singh Ahluwalia, Export Manager, established the company. It started making unique things from recycled paper in 2000. Ahluwalia is an Indian science graduate. He loves his business as it helps save the environment.

"Awareness about the recycling process is increasing day by day. I am looking for more local support

to make this business bigger, to reduce waste paper."

He added most of the newspapers and magazines in the UAE send their old papers to India to get them recycled. "I urge all of them and the general public to collect their old paper and deliver to us for recycling. Through this a lot of people will get involved which will spread awareness."

According to him, his company is the first and the only one in the Gulf region that recycles paper. "Our recycled papers are cheaper than other brands from abroad. We make a new type of paper from jeans. It is very popular

now and most of the stationary is now made with it. We convert about 1.6 tonnes of cloth to produce about 1.5 tonnes of recycled paper everyday. There are different types of paper that we produce, especially the wrinkled style. This is used mostly for making marriage cards.

"They are also used to make business cards, gifts boxes, chocolate boxes, perfume boxes, letter heads for companies, perfume strips, etc.

"I export recycled papers to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Europe, Germany, Switzerland, U.S.A., and Canada."