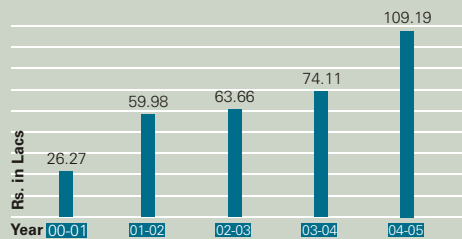


# Information net works

## Information makes things happen

Timely information induces faster decision-making, streamlines processes and helps create better products and services. Shree's secularly rising infotech investments in recent years have been made to deliver such an edge.

### Capital Expenditure on IT Infrastructure



The goal of this IT focus is to migrate the organisation to a virtually paperless working level, attain transparency and efficiency through online, real-time systems and allow widespread and far-reaching knowledge management amongst the employees.

## 'SUMriddhi' ERP - the pivot

Shree's IT drive revolves around its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution christened 'SUMriddhi', which means 'prosperity.' This comprehensive ERP programme has been designed to seamlessly integrate online information and processing pertaining to all the company's commercial and technical functions.

The company's Virtual Private Network (VPN), when complete will be the bedrock upon which 'SUMriddhi' would operate fluidly across the enterprise. The network has the Shree cement plant connected to its residential colony and Ras project along with all its branch offices through an intranet VPN.

## Smoother sales and distribution

The sales and distribution module of the ERP package has made life easier for both the company and its business partners. Now, the status of an order, right from sales order booking to depot receipt, can be known at the press of a key. Final closure of sales accounts and reconciliation of stocks at depots can be done swiftly online. It is also possible to zero in on optimal transportation routes, rates and loading cycles to enable substantial logistics savings.



# Shree

## Looking back; looking ahead



### E-procurement gain

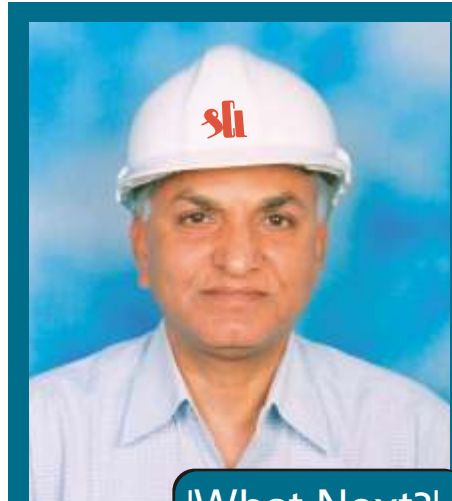
Significant savings were made possible by e-procuring material through reverse auctions, a kind of live, real-time tendering process. In contrast to the traditional auction, where numerous buyers compete for the product of one seller, reverse auctions have numerous suppliers coming online to quote and re-quote their offers to compete for the business of a single buyer.

### Towards paperless utopia

Traditional paper movements at Shree are being replaced with workflows, which automate numerous business tasks and electronically route the right information to the right people at the right time.

### Interface with stakeholders

The information laden website of the company, *shreecementltd.com*, lends itself to a fair degree of e-commerce too. Vendors can access it to participate in online, real-time reverse auction events hosted by the company. There is a section for the use of company's shareholders. An employee portal on the intranet is getting ready for launch. A top-of-the-line Video Conferencing System implemented across Beawar, Kolkata and New Delhi aids people interactions within the company and outside it.



### 'What Next?'

To cut down manpower cost and human error in the forthcoming production of the premium 'Bangur cement', cutting-edge IT infrastructure is being deployed at Ras. With fibre optic cabling, radio frequency systems, man-less operations and electronic surveillance, the Bangur cement plant will have nearly all its operations remote-controlled from the central server at Beawar works. This crowning glory of IT implementation has been initiated in line with the ongoing modernisation and productivity enhancement drive at Shree.

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