Cement cos' growth falters amid construction boom

Industry revenue contracted in FY25. a first in 20 years

India's cement industry is struggling to grow volumes and revenue despite a robust expansion in the country's

expansion in the country's construction sector.
Combined revenue of cement makers — both listed and unlisted — with FV25 figures available, declined 6.9 per cent year-on-year, marking a sharp reversal from 8.7 per cent growth in the previous year. It was the first annual revenue contraction in this industry in two decades.

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In contrast, the construction sector, based on gross domestic product (GDP) estimates, expanded 9.4 per cent in FY25 at current prices, slightly down from 10.6 per cent growth a year earlier, according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data.

The cement industry's aggregate.

The cement industry's aggregate net sales fell to ₹2.1 trillion in FY25

rrom ₹22trillion neprevious year.

Meanwhile, construction-sector output rose to ₹15.72 trillion from £14.38 trillion.

Listed cement companies fared better, though they too recorded a 4.3 per cent decline in net sales to ₹1.85 trillion ATTRIBUTE from ₹1.02. rrillion ANALYSTS ATTRIBUTE THE REVENUE DECLINE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR TO FALLING PRICES AMID A SURGE IN SUPPLY

double-digit contraction, underlin-ing the scale of the slowdown. The two largest producers, UltraTech Cement and Ambuja Cements, bucked the trend and logged rev-



enue gains fuelled by mergers and acquisitions. UltraTech completed acquisitions of India Cements and Kesoram Industries' cement divi-sion, while Ambuja closed deals for Penna Cement and Sanghi

Industries.

Historically, revenue growth in the cement sector has closely tracked construction growth at current prices. Over the past 20 years, the construction segment in GDP expanded at a compound annual nded at a compound annua expanded at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.4 per cent, while cement revenue rose at 11.1 per cent. That correlation appears to be weakening. From 17.92 to 15 Y25, construction expanded at a 13.8 THE CHINE SEC

prices amid a surge in supply.
"Cement prices fell 5 per cent-6 per
cent year-on-year in FY25, the sharpest decline in 20 years," said
Khushbu Lakhotia, director of

Corporate Ratings at India Ratings & Research. "The drop was driver by an intensified market share rate a Research. The trop was ontwo by an intensified market share rate, as additional supply growth out-stripped demand. Southern India witnessed the most pronounced price contraction, followed by the eastern region," she added. According to the ratings agency, overall cement demand rose 5 per cent-fo ner cent in EV3: its slowest

cent-6 per cent in FY25, its slo pace since the pandemic-hit FY21. The sluggish environment has

The sluggish environment has prompted some companies to delay capacity expansion. Shree Cement, India's third-largest producer, deferred the commissioning of a 3 million tonne-per-annum grinding unit in Jaitaran, Rajasthan. The company posted a 6 per cent decline in net sales in FY25, its weakest per-

in net sales in FY25, its weakest per-formance in years.

"The revenue growth remains weak due to subdued demand, lower government capex, and heightened competition, despite Q4 traditionally being avolume-driven quarter due to year-end sales, said Girija Shankar Ray of Yes Securities, in the firm's Q4FY25 earniness previous.

Weaker top-line growth has also hit profitability. Combined net profit of listed cement companies declined 14.2 per cent year-on-year to ₹12,852 crore in FY25. earnings preview. Weaker top-lin



Avoid lump sum bets amid high valuations

Smallcap funds remain a pre-ferred choice among investors despite volatility in equity mar-kets. In May 2025, they received net inflows of ₹3,214 crore, second only to flexicap funds, which saw inflows of ₹3,841 crore, according to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi).

These funds' appeal lies in These funds' appeal lies in their potential to create long-term wealth. A report by Baja Finser Assex Management Company (AMC) notes that smallcap stocks saw a five-fold rise in market capitalisation, from ₹17:tillion in 2017 to ₹92 trillion by the end of 2024. These funds inwest at least 65 per cent of their assex is small-cap stocks—defund as all listed capstocks—defund as all listed.

cap stocks — defined as all listed companies beyond the top 250 by market capitalisation. As of May 31, 2025, 30 smallcap equity schemes managed ₹3.36 trillion in assets, according to Amfi. "The smallcap segment offers a wide array of unique and

esses with the flexibility to adapt to evolving market trends This gives them room to scale revenues, improve margins, and revenues, improve margins, and gain market share over time. A key driver of this expansion, however, has been the emergence of new business segments and various sunrise industries," says Sorbh Gupta, head – equity, Bajaj Finserv AMC.

Strong return potential

Strong return potential Smallcap stocks have the poten-tial to offer high returns. "They are generally under-researched, allowing fund managers to ident ify undervalued opportunities before they gain broader market attention." says Harish Krishnan co-chief investment officer and head of equity, Aditya Birla Sun Smallcap funds tend to per

Smallcap runds tend to per-form well during broad market rallies. "Historically, this segm-ent has delivered strong long-term returns, often outperf-orming large and midcap stocks, driven by robust earnings growth

"Across all income from reels, brand deals, affiliate links, and even barter collaborations, if total gifts exceed ₹50,000 in a year, they

gifts exceed 55,0,00 in a year, the must be reported under "business and professional income' in your ITR," says Sudhir Kaushik, cofounder and chief executive officer of TaxSpanner. "Even free gadgets or hotel

and selective re-rating," says Gupta.

are clean (with low debt) and earnings growth is expected to be strong. Small and midcap SIPs have high odds of outperforming

largecaps over long periods," say Jiral Mehta, senior research ana-lyst, FundsIndia. Recent rate cuts by the Reserve Bank of India could benefit smallcap companies by lowering borrowing costs and beceting departed.

boosting demand.
"Historically, smallcap com-panies tend to benefit from an easing monetary policy environ-ment," says Krishnan.

Elevated valuations

stretched compared to large caps, "Currently, we are under weight on small caps due to their high valuations, very high past nigh valuations, very nigh past returns, and significant inflows, says Mehta. Krishnan adds that investors should lower their return expectations from these funds. The segment has seen bouts of volatility, triggered by global tensions, trade dis

Period Category average returns (%) 1-year 2.6 3-year 27.2 5-year 33.1

10-year 17.2

Robust long-term returns

ruptions, and domestic slow-downs. "Smallcap companies are often more sensitive to economic changes and market conditions, which makes them more volatile. Drawdowns can be higher compared to largecap or hybrid funds," says Krishnan.

Invest gradually, stay committed
Smallcap funds are best suited for investors with high risk tolerance and a long horizon. "These funds are ideal for investors with a high risk appetite and an investment horizon of at least five wear. They still make sense five years. They still make sense five years. They still make sense for such investors due to their ability to deliver better earnings growth. They also suit individuals aiming for aggressive wealth creation, especially younger investors who can withstand market cycles," says Krishnan. He adds that depending on the investment horizon risk

the investment horizon, risk appetite, and prevailing market conditions, investors may allocondutions, investors may ano-cate between 20 and 25 per cent in smallcap funds. Avoid lump-sum investments. "Continue your existing SIPs if your time frame is seven-plus years. Avoid incremental lump-sum alloca-tion," says Mehta.

Earning from reels or brand deals? How influencers must file ITR

From choreographed reels to brand shout-outs, India's grov tribe of digital influencers is turning social content into serious income.

But as the money flows in from YouTube AdSense, affiliate links, Instagram collaborations, and freebies, so does the tax depart-ment's scrutiny.

Read full report here: mybs.in/2enqZlt

stays count as taxable perks."

ITR-3 or ITR-4? Choose wisely Not all influencers qualify for the

presumptive taxation route. "If your work involves skills listed under Section 44AA, like technical consultancy or film artistry, and your gross receipts are under ₹75 lakh, you may opt for

explained Kausnik.
"Otherwise, you'll need to use
ITR-3 and maintain proper books."
Kunal Savani, partner, Cyril
Amarchand Mangaldas added that content creators can choose between the old and new tax regimes based on which offers better deductions.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ABOUT THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE, RECORD DATE FOR DIVIDEND AND INFORMATION OF E-VOTING

port on Corporate Governance, Audions Report and Conference (Sections Report Management Discussion and Analysis, period on Corporate Governance, Audions Reports and other documents required to be attached therefor, have been serted or 28th June 2005 ectoricisally only to those Members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company (Company's Registrance and Endergous Company (Company's Registrance and Endergous Company's Company's Registrance are available on the Company's Vestion and the discressed documents or available on the Company's vestible at https://www.eveingal.com.net/ and addresses are registered with the Company's Vestible and the discress documents are available on the Company's vestible and the discress documents are available from the Company's vestible and the discress documents are available from the Company's vestigation and the Company's Registrance and the Company's

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In case of any query settraining to a-voling Members may refer to the FAG's scientific F-bording user manual available through; menu in the Downloads's section of NSD, website for e-voling https://www.evoling.nsd.com.
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(Regd. & Head Office, Mahaveera Circle, Kankanady, Mangaluru - 575 002) E-mail: investor.grievance@ktkbank.com, website: https://karnatakabank.com Phone No.: 0824-2228222, CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), as amended, read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Bules, 2014 ("the Rules") as amended Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("the Listing Regulations") and in accordance with the General Circular Nos. : 10/2022 1/10/202 dated December 28, 2022. General Circular No. : 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and General Circular No. : 09/2024 dated September 25, 2023 and Sent September 25, 2023 (Sent September 26), 2024 (Sexual by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA) and other connected circulars mentioned therein; read with SEBI Circular No. : SEBI HO(CED/PO-2-P/CIR/2023/4 dated, January 5, 2023, to obtain approval of the members of The Kamatakis Bank Limited ("the Bank") by way of Postal Ballot trougle electronic means ("e-voling") only in respect of the following resolutions as set forth in the Notice of Postal Ballot dated June 26, 2025.

SL. No.	Resolution	Description of the Resolution
1.	Special	Re-appointment of Mr. Justice A. V. Chandrashekar (DIN: 08829073), as a Non- Executive, Independent Director
2.	Special	Re-appointment of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Panja (DIN: 03614568), as a Non-Executive, Independent Director

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2025, fo all the Members of the Bank whose name appeared in the Register of Members // List of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on Friday, June 20, 2025 ("Cut-off Date") through e-mail to the shareholders whose email Ds are registered with the Bank /RTA/ Depositions. The voltage rights of the Members shall be reckoned based on the equity shares of the Bank held by them as on the Cut-off date and any person who is not a member as on the Cut-off date shall be retained to the State Ballotter of Postal Ballotter information purpose only.

is now a member as or more out-on order strain treat one routed or mostal statiot for information purpose only. The Bank has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") for the purpoviding e-voting facility to the Members. The Members are requested to note that voting through the facility for the members shall commence from June 30, 2025 (Mondav) at 09:00 AM IIST) and and a oviding e-voting facility to the Members. The Members are requested to note that voting through the e-voting cility for the members shall commence from June 30, 2025 (Monday) at 0.9:00 AM (IST) and end on July 52 (Tuesday) at 0.500 PM (IST). The e-voting facility will be disabled by the ISSOL thereafter. Any votes cast feer July 29, 2025 shall be treated as invalid and will not be considered. The detailed procedure and instructions voting are enumerated in the Notice of Postal Ballot. Members who have not received the Postal Ballot Notice ay request a duplicate by writing to: investor, greavance@kitkbank.com

may request a duplicate by writing for <u>investor_grevanee(exhtboank.com</u>
The Board of Directors of the Bank has appointed CS. Lebch Ashok (Membership Number: 8152, CDP Number: 9011), Partner of Mis. SVJS & Associates, Company Secretaries, or failing her, CS. Jayan K, (Membership Number: 8154, CDP Number: 7836, Dartner of Mis. SVJS & Associates, Company Secretaries, as Scrutilizer of the Postal Ballot (e-voling) process fairly and transparently and to issue the Scrutilizer's Report on voling results. The volting results will be announced by the Bank on or before July 31, 2025 (Thursday). The results will be intimated to the Stock Exchange (s), i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the shares of the Bank are I sited and similatine ously posted on the Bank's website: https://dx.natakabank.com/investor-portal and on the website of the NSDL.

The Notice is available on the Bank's works in this s/(kanalakaani.com/investor-portal.It is also available on the website https://kanalakaani.com/investor-portal.It is also available on the websited is compared to the websited in the websited in the websited is compared to the websited in the website

Once a vote is cast, it cannot be changed or recast. Please read the instructions given in the postal ballot notice carefully before exercising the vote. We request the members of our Bank who have not yet registered their email address, to register the same as

In respect of the shares held in physical form, Members may update / register their email id by writing to the Bank's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (*RIA*), M/s. Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, No. 30, Ramana Residency, 4th Cross, Sampies Road, Mallestwarm, Bengaltur – Se0003, along with the duly filled in Form ISR-1 and other relevant documents. The format is available on the website of our RTA: https://imperadetegistry.htm?

In respect of the equity shares held in electronic form. Members may update / register their email id with the concerned Depository through their Depository Participant(s) with whom they maintain their demat account(s).

For any queries / grievances relating to e-voting, please refer to the 'user manual for members' available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under the Help menu. The members can also contact NSDL (Ph.022-4886 7000), E-mail. evoling@ssll.com or NSAm K., Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of the Bank, Phone No: 0824-228248/184, E-mail: investor.grievance@ktkbank.com

ANJANI PORTLAND CEMENT LIMITED

Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPE")

This Notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 (6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) relues, 2016 ("Rules"), each as amended. The Act and Rules, Inter alia, Interest of Shares ("Iere"), and the International Companies of Internationa

peprember 12, 2025.

In Company has made available, the complete details of the concernation of the concer

transferred to the IEPF in 2025.

Shareholdes are requested to note that in case dividend(s) are not claimed by September 12, 2025, the unclaimed final dividend for the financial year 2017-18 will get transferred to IEPF. Further, those equity share(s) in respect of which the dividends remain unclaimed for seven consocutive years, shall be transferred to IEPF, without any further notice to the shareholders in the following manner:

In case the shares are held in physical form: New share certificate(s) will be issued and transferred in favour of IEPF Authority on completion of necessary formalities. The original share certificate(s) which stand registered in the name of the shareholder will be deemed cancelled and non-registed.

non-negotiable. In case the shares are held in electronic form: The Comp transfer the shares by way of corporate action through the Dep to the demat account of IEPF Authority.

The concerned shareholders are further requested to note that all future benefits arising on such shares would also be issued / transferred in favour of the IEPFAuthority.

Detection and analysis of activities and a second and a second the IEPP Authority.

The shareholders may note that both, the unclaimed dividend(s) and the equity sharely olaready transferred to IEPF can be claimed by submitting an application electronically (web form IEPF-5) available on the website physical copy of the same, duly signed, to the attention of the Nocla Officar, Anjani Portland Cement Limited at the Registered Offica address (#6-3-55). Unit No. E3 Aamp; E4, 4th Floor, Quenes Square Off Tig Deccan Road, Erramanzil, Hyderabad, Telangana—500 082), along with the e-form submission acknowledgment / challan and requisite documents enumerated in web form IEPF-5.

The shareholders may further note that the details of unclaimed.

occuments enumerated in web form IEPF-5. The shareholders may further note that the details of unclaimed dividends and shares of the concerned shareholder(s) uploaded by the Company on its website at www.anajinciement.com shall be treated as adequate notice in respect of issue of new share certificate(s) by the Company or carrying out Corporate Action through Depositories, as the case maybe, for the purpose of transfer of shares in favour of IEPF Authority pursuant to the Rules.

Please note that no claim shall lie against the Company in respect of unclaimed dividend amount and shares transferred to IEPF pursuant to the said Rules.

pursuant to the said Rules.
For any quiers on the above matter, shareholders are requested to contact the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Mr. Veeda Raghunath Manager — Corporate Registry at Mis. KFin Technologies Limited, United Anjani Portland Cement Limited, Selenium Tower B. Plot No. 31-32. Financial District, Nanakaranguda, Serlingampally Mandal, Hyderabad — 500032. Tel: +91-40-67161606, email ID: gmward.ris@kfinisch.com.

For Anjani Portland Cement Limited

Place : Hyderabad Date : June 26, 2025 Company Secretary & Compliance Officer







































