

# Emami set to bolster Haldia edible oil unit

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**Haldia:** Emami Agrotech Ltd announced an additional investment of Rs 300 crore for the expansion of its edible oil production capacity by 1,000 tonne per day (tpd) at its Haldia plant on Tuesday. The expansion is expected to be completed by this year making the Haldia facility the largest single location edible oil refinery in India.

Speaking on the occasion at Haldia, Emami group director Aditya Vardhan Agarwal said, "Our present manufacturing capacity in edible oil is around 4,000 tpd between our two plants in Haldia and Krishnapatnam (in Andhra Pradesh). The Krishnapatnam unit has a production capacity of 1,000 tpd while Haldia unit produces around 3,000 tpd." So far, the company has invested Rs 700 crore in the plant.

The expansion will also include setting up of a 7.5 MW captive power plant. The company will set up two new plants near Kandla port in Gujarat and Mangalore port in Karnataka in a little over a year. "We are considering investments of Rs 300 crore-Rs 350 crore in the Gujarat and Rs 200-Rs 250 crore in the Karnataka," he added.

A mustard oil plant is also



(L-R) Transport minister Suwendu Adhikari is flanked by Emami group directors Aditya Agarwal (L) and Manish Goenka (R) at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of Emami edible oil refinery at Haldia.

## To invest ₹3k cr for nat'l cement foray

**Haldia:** Emami Cement Ltd, a part of the Emami group of companies, has planned an investment of Rs 3,000 crore for setting up factories in West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Odisha in order to become a national player. Emami group director Aditya Agarwal said, "We have a planned investment of Rs 3,000 crore to expand our cement business. The West Bengal and Odisha plants will have an investment of Rs 500 crore each, while the Chhattisgarh plant is slated to have the rest." The Bengal plant, which is located at Panagarh, will start operations in December this year. According to Agarwal, this plant will generate two million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of cement, while the ones at Raipur, Chhattisgarh and Odisha will generate five MTPA and 1.5 MTPA respectively. The company is also eyeing Rajasthan and Karnataka as potential locations to set up factories. TNN

in the offing in Rajasthan. "We aspire to become the no. 2 edible oil maker in India and increase our share in Indian edible oil market from 5.5% to around 11% by 2018," said Emami director Manish Goenka.

Laying the foundation stone of the expansion work,

transport minister and Haldia Development Authority chairman Suwendu Adhikari said around Rs 10,000 crore worth of investment has been made in Haldia in the last one year as the moratorium on environment nod for new industries was lifted by the Centre in 2013.