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## Benign input costs push Emami's Q1 net up 9% at ₹164 cr

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FMCG major Emami Ltd. on Thursday reported around 9 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) increase in its consolidated net profit to ₹164.26 crore for the first quarter this fiscal, backed by benign input costs and improved op-erational efficiency as revenue remained flattish.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹150.60 crore for the first quarter of financial year 2024-25.

Revenue from operations stood at ₹904.09 crore in Q1 FY26, which remained almost flat compared to ₹906.07 crore in Q1 FY25. During the period, core domestic business (excluding talc/prickly heat power) pos-

		(in ₹ cr
Q1FY25	Q1FY26	Change (%)
150.6	164.26	9.07
906.07	904.09	-0.22
67.7	96.4	170 (bps)
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Source: Company

ted 6 per cent y-o-y revenue growth, while volume witnessed around 3 per cent yo-y growth.

## POWDER IN A PUFF

The talcum and prickly heat powder (PHP) category, which is highly reliant on peak summer sales, declined by 17 per cent due to adverse

weather conditions. International business grew around 2 per cent y-o-y amid ongoing macroeco-nomic and geopolitical uncertainties across key markets such as Bangladesh, West Asia, and Africa.

During the first quarter, EBITDA fell 1 per cent y-o-y at ₹214 crore.

The company said its gross margins expanded by 170 basis points to 69.4 per cent, supported by benign in-put costs and judicious price increases.

## THE MAN IS BACK

Commenting on the results, Harsha V Agarwal, Vice

Chairman and Managing Director, Emami Ltd, said, "Our performance this quarter reflects the underly-ing strength and resilience of our brands, even in the face of an unusually subdued summer.'

"Our Talc/PHP category maintained maintained a two-year CAGR of 13 per cent," he added.

Agarwal said 'Kesh King' is undergoing a strategic transformation to enhance longterm relevance, while 'Smart & Handsome' is expanding into adjacent male grooming

categories.
"The Man Company's return to growth in June, 2025 is especially encouraging, and we are confident of sustaining this trajectory through sharper positioning and a comprehensive brand

revamp," he said. Looking ahead, he added, the company is optimistic about growth in the coming months, driven by strong monsoon conditions, easing inflation, and potential interest rate reductions.

Mohan Goenka, Vice Chairman and whole-time Director, said, "Despite a flattish topline, we delivered a 9 per cent growth in profit after tax, underscoring our sharp focus on profitability and operational efficiency." "We remain confident in our margin trajectory, supported by favourable input costs and

operational efficiencies," he added.

On Thursday Emami Ltd's scrip ended the day at ₹600.80 apiece on BSE, up 6.31 per cent from the previous close.