



The pace of infrastructure spending in India makes it imperative for companies to have complete visibility in their business and projects, according to **Balaji Sreenivasan**, CEO, Aurigo Software Technologies Inc. "Only this can put our projects on par with those in the West," says the founder of the Bangalore-based company, who was in Pune last fortnight to inaugurate the country's first construction ERP laboratory at the National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR). Adds NICMAR director general **Mangesh G. Korgaonker**, "This initiative will help us bridge the gap between academia and the industry's requirement, and contribute highly competent professionals to the market." The lab, set up in collaboration with Microsoft with free licences of Aurigo's CPMS

for capital project management and Microsoft Dynamics AX ERP software, adds to NICMAR's existing curricula for its courses in project engineering and management, advanced construction management, real estate urban infrastructure management and project accounting. The partners plan to launch similar construction ERP labs at NICMAR's Hyderabad and Goa campuses soon. ♦