Freebies versus welfarism takes centre stage in 2023

New Delhi, 29 December

he year 2023 was punctuated by a slew of political developments from nine states going for Assembly polls and the formation of the INDIA bloc to the inauguration of a new Parliament building, Supreme Court's verdict on Article 370 abrogation and the Congress' winning streak in the south while the BJP consolidating its position in the Hindi heartland.

Major political parties settled the raging freebies versus welfarism debate, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi sparked with his 'revdi' remark midway through the previous year. The Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress pursued competitive welfarism with a vengeance in the last 12 months, promising the electorate a raft of welfare schemes during poll campaigns in the nine states

Welfarism and the outreach of political parties to women dominated the discourse. In 2023, both the BJP and the Congress wooed women as a distinct vote bank like never before. The Congress' prowomen 'guarantees' garnered support from female voters than during the Karnataka polls in April-May. In his Independence Day address, the prime

minister indicated a shift. He addressed the people as his "parivarjan", or family members and spoke of women-led development and his government's aim of creating "two crore Lakhpati Didis". A month later, in September, he led the way in getting a special session of Parliament to pass the Women's Reservation Bill. By December, the BJP reaped the rewards by

registering victories in the three Hindi heartland states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The nine Assembly polls held in 2023 saw more women turning out to vote, although their representation in Parliament and assemblies remains poor. "Voting is the beginning of the assimilation in the policy system, and the process has started, but the contours of women's constituency are yet to emerge clearly." said Usha Thakkar, a retired professor and co-author of Women in State Politics in *India*. Women activists have termed cash transfers and other pro-women schemes "carrots of promises for women voters in



women's reservation Bill, the BJP won the Hindi heartland states of Rajasthan, MP, and Chhattisgarh in December

Two months after Parliament passed the

lieu of real representation".

The question of women's safety and security remained unresolved in 2023. Women wrestlers protested in the cold at Jantar Mantar in January, alleging sexual harassment by BJP Lok Sabha member Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. The video clips of atrocities on women coming out of violence-hit Manipur shocked the nation. The

National Crime Records Bureau data, released earlier this month, revealed a sharp surge in crimes against women in 2022 over the previous two years.

Opposition unity

The Congress credited its leader Rahul Gandhi's 135day 4,080-km Bharat Jodo Yatra for poll its victories in Himachal and Karnataka. It

recently announced the yatra's second leg Bharat Nyaya Yatra. If the Congress had reasons to believe that it finally had Modi's measure after its Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka wins, the BJP's sweep of Hindi heartland states forced the party and the rest of the Opposition back to the drawing board to come up with an alternative narrative to challenge their rival.

The Congress' raised the caste Census demand, but it did not deliver the anticipated public support. The BJP responded to the caste Census demands by appointing leaders from diverse castes as its chief ministers (CM) and deputy CMs in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and to look at the bigger story of deprivation and go beyond individual castes, identifying women, youth, the poor, and farmers as the four varnas. However, the Opposition's enthusiasm at the launch of the Indian National Developmental Alliance (INDIA) found waning.

The year saw parliamentary proceedings touching a new low with BJP's Lok Sabha member Ramesh Bidhuri spewing offensive remarks against Bahujan Samaj Party's Danish Ali. It was marked by the suspension of a record 146 Opposition MPs during the winter session for demanding a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah on the December 13 security breach in the Lok Sabha, In March, Rahul Gandhi was disqualified from the Lok Sabha after a court in Gujarat convicted him on a plea by a BJP member.

The other major highlights were the Lok Sabha expelling TMC's Mahua Moitra during the winter session. The Opposition also alleged surveillance after an Apple alert. The Centre banned a BCC documentary on Gujarat in January. The tax authorities raided the BBC office in India in February. The broadcaster later acknowledged it paid lower taxes in India. The year also saw the Supreme Court vindicating Parliament's August 2019 decision to repeal Article 370 of the Constitution, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. The Law Commission and some states, such as Uttarakhand, initiated discussions on the Uniform Civil Code. part of the BJP's unfinished core agenda. Parliament approved replacing three colonial-era criminal laws, the Centre instituting a panel led by former President Ram Nath Kovind to look at 'one nation, one election' and a debate on whether India should be exclusively known as 'Bharat'.

As 2023 was ending, political leaders were keen to appoint their successors. The Aam Aadmi Party found the going tough as its leaders faced corruption cases and were jailed.

The year also had the BJP cadre extol the PM for hosting the G20 Summit, and it is ending with the party mobilising its workers to make the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya a success. With the BJP winning polls in the Hindi heartland and the Congress in Karnataka and Telangana, sparking a north versus south debate, 2024 could answer whether the BJP makes inroads in the south and

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NOTICE OF POSTAL<u>BALLOT AND E-VOTING INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERS</u> NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, (the "Rules") and Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs followed by Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 8 2021, Circular No. 2/2022 and 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022, Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and Circular No. 9/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and all other relevant circulars issued from time to time (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), Secretarial Standard issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India on General Meetings (SS-2), (including any statutory modification(s) or re- enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, and as amended from time to time) and other applicable laws and regulations, if any, that it is proposed to seek the consent of the Shareholders of Sastasundar Ventures Limited (the "Company") for their consideration and approval of the Resolution as mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice, by way of Remote Electronic

Pursuant to MCA Circulars, the Company has sent the electronic copies of the Posta Ballot Notice alongwith Explanatory Statement on Friday, December 29, 2023 to all the Members of the Company, who have registered their e-mail address with the Registrar or with Depository Participant as on Friday, December 22, 2023 i.e. the cut-off date. The Postal Ballot Notice will also be available on the website of the Company at www.sastasundarventures.com; website of Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and on the website of Link Intime India Private Limited ("Link Intime") a https://instavote.linkintime.co.in.

accordance with the provisions of the MCA Circulars, Shareholders can vote only through the remote e-voting process, physical copies of the Postal Ballot Notice and pre paid business reply envelopes are not being sent to shareholders for this Postal Ballot Shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members/List of Beneficia Owners as on Friday, December 22, 2023 will be considered for the purpose of e-voting and Voting rights of a Member/Beneficial Owner (in case of electronic shareholding) shall be in proportion to his/her/its shareholding in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the Cut-Off Date.

Shareholders are requested to note that e-voting will commence at 9:00 a.m. (IST) on Monday, January 1, 2024 and ends at 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Members desiring to exercise their vote should cast their vote during this period, to be eligible for being considered. E-voting by electronics means shall not be allowed beyond 5.00 pm on January 30, 2024.

Members who have not registered their e-mail address are requested to register the same in respect of shares held in electronic form with the Depository through their Depository Participant(s) and in respect of shares held in physical form by writing to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.

The instructions on the process of e-voting, including the manner in which Members who are holding shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail addresses car cast their vote through e-voting, are provided in the Postal Ballot Notice

The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Mr. Raj Kumar Banthia, Company Secretary in Practice (Membership No. ACS 17190 & CP No. 18428) Partner of M/s. MKB & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot through the e-voting process in fair and transparent manner.

The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman of the Company. The results shall be declared within two working days from the conclusion of remote e-voting (i.e. on or before Thursday, February 1, 2024) and communicated to BSE Limited ("BSE"), and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), Link Intime India Private Limited Registrar and Share Transfer Agent and will also be displayed on the Company's website. In case the shareholders have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and Instavote e-Voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in, under help section or write an email to enotices@linkintime.co.in or call at Tel: 022 - 49186000.

By Order of the Board For Sastasundar Ventures Limited Pratap Singh

M/S NAP LEATHERS PRIVATE LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE OF CAUTION AND BEWARE

12-2023 by M/s. ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.,. (ARCIL) wi regard to E-Auction of Alleged Secured Assets in Exercise of Powers Securitisation a econstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 200 SARFAESI ACT) Read with Rules 6, 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public intending to participate & general public the ARCIL had though entered into an assignment agreement with the State Bank of Indi on 30-03-2005 taking over the Property Mortgaged with SBI, the Immovable Property proposed to be E-Auctioned on 04-01-2024 for which bids were invited pursuant to the ove mentioned newspaper publication, it is herewith brought to the notice of the publ at large that the schedule property (fully described herein below) mentioned in the by the SBI, the possession alleged to have been taken is illegally taken which is und nallenge before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Hyderabad being S.A. No. 245 2008 which stands posted to 02-01-2024 for Adjudication. Every one interest in participation f the E-Auction may peruse the record or contact the counsel named herein below

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:

All the part and parcel of land admeasuring Ac.4.23-1/2 guntas, forming part of S No. 595/1 Situated at Village Kondamadugu, Bibinagar Mandal, District Yadad Bhuvanagiri, Telangana (Earlier known as Sy. No. 595 village Kondamadugu, Taluk Bhongir, Nalgonda District, Telangana together with all building and structure therec and all plant and machinery attached to earth or permanently fastened to anything attache o the earth, the details of which are mentioned below

. All the part and parcel of land admeasuring Ac. 1.23-1/2 guntas, forming part of Sy.No. 595/1_situated at village Kondamadugu, Bibinagar Mandal District Yadadri Bhuyanagi elangana State (Earlier known as Sy.No. 595 village Kondamadugu, Taluka Bhongi Nalgonda District, Telangana and bounded by: **North** : Kaluva, **South** : Part of Sy.N 595, **East** : Road, **West** : Sy.No. 593

2. All the part and parcel of land admeasuring Ac. 1.20 guntas, forming part of Sy.N 595/1, situated at village Kondamadugu, Bibinagar Mandal, District Yadadri Bhuyanagi Telangana State (Earlier known as Sy.No. 595 village Kondamadugu, Taluka Bhong Nalgonda District, Telangana and bounded by: North: Land of M/s Nap Leathers Pv

td., South: Part of Sy.No. 595, East : Road, West : Sy.No. 593 All the part and parcel of land admeasuring Ac. 1.20 guntas, forming part of Sy.N. 595/1, situated at village Kondamadugu, Bibinagar Mandal, District Yadadri Bhuvanagir lelangana State (Earlier known as Sy.No. 595 village Kondamadugu, Taluka Bhong Nalgonda District, Telangana and bounded by: North: Land of M/s Nap Leathers Py

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"APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable property Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 rea

with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited the Secured Creditor on 15.12.2021 will be sold on "As i vhere is". "As is what is". and "Whatever there is" basis on **17[™]Januarv. 2024** for recove of Rs. 44,73,448.82/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight and Paise Eighty Two Only) as on 21.08.2023 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors namely Mr. Yakkala Bala Sekhar Babu,Mrs Yakkala Lakshmi Venkata Vasavi,M/s. Sri Sai Kirana and Fancy Stores and M/s.Haritha Super Market.

The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit will be as follows:

Description of the immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (10%)
All piece and parcel of the property to an extent of 50 Sq. ards or 41.80 Sq. htts of residential site out of total extent if 300 Sq. yards together with RCC roofed ground, first and econd floors residential building therein situate in D.No 262 of Guntur Village, Old Assessment No.62-965, New ssessment No.145995, Present Assessment No.102114995 at Reddypalem area, 2nd line, Himani Nagar, maravathi Road, Guntur city, Guntur Municipal Corporation area, Guntur Sub Registry, Guntur Dist being counded by-East: Property of Kunchala Srinivasa Roa, South: Road, West: 15 feet width road,North: Property of	25,62,692/-	Rs. 2,56,269/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secure Creditor website i.e.https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx also on the

Date: 30-12-2023 Place: Andhra Pradesh (Guntur)

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US plans to boost India's defence modernisation

AJAI SHUKLA New Delhi, 29 December

The US Department of Defense (the Pentagon) plans to bolster India's defence modernisation, The US says it delivered hisincluding by advancing the pri-

map for US – India Defence Industrial Cooperation," to coproduce fighter jet engines and Stryker armoured vehicles. In its annual report for 2023 released on Wednesday, the

Pentagon says it has worked alongside allies and partners to ground-breaking achievements for peace, stability, and deterrence in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific. There are plans for mod-

ernising the scope of military engagement with India by incorporating advanced fighter aircraft and strategic bombers in our exercises.

This would strengthen interoperability and highlight shared efforts to promote stability and security in the Indo-Pacific.

"In this decisive decade, 2023 will be remembered as a decisive year for implementing US defence strategy in Asia,

Lloyd J Austin III.

Transforming US regional force posture

orities outlined in the "road" and partners in 2023, to make Philippine armed forces and US force posture in the Indo-Pacific region more mobile, distributed, resilient, and lethal.

The Pentagon says it stationed key US military units to Japan, including a US Marine Littoral Regiment — the Marine Corps' most advanced formation — and a US Army watercraft unit to enhance deterrence.

Washington also launched new force posture initiatives with Australia, including more expeditionary visits of US submarines resulting from AUKUS, increased rotations of US bombers and fighters, expanded maritime and ground forces cooperation, enhanced space and logistics cooperation, continuing upgrades of key bases, and movement toward the creation of Submarine Rotational Force-

West in Australia by 2027. The Pentagon expanded US

said US Secretary of Defence, rotational access across the Philippines by designating four Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) sites at strategic locations, which will strengthen the interoperability of US and allow both countries to address shared challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Concluding a Defence Cooperation Agreement with Papua New

Guinea (PNG) that builds on decades of bilateral defense and security cooperation. For the first time in over four decades, a US SSBN

(nuclear missile submarine) visited South Korea (ROK). There was also the first landing since 1988 of a US nuclearcapable B-52 on the Peninsula.

Making historic investments in capability

The US is deploying cuttingedge military capabilities right now, and supporting allies and partners as they invest in their own capabilities.

The report states this is done by: releasing the most strategy-driven defence budget

PNB's plan to raise ₹7,500 cr

Public-sector lender Puniab National Bank (PNB) is planning to raise

equity capital upto ₹7,500 crore in the next financial year (2024–25) to

meet regulatory norms and support business growth. In its meeting on

December 28, the board of directors of the bank approved the proposal

to raise the amount in one or more tranches. It would look at options

like qualified institutions placement, follow on public offer or any

other permitted mode, or a combination thereof to raise equity in

Nitish elected JD(U) chief

after Lalan Singh resigns

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar was elected Janata Dal (United) president on

bigger parties in the INDIA blocto "show a big heart". The national

council meeting followed the party's national executive meeting in

elected in his place at a time when the JD(U), whose political fortunes

have been on a decline, gears up for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. PTI

which Lalan Singh stepped down as its president and Kumar was

extremely backwards, minorities and unemployed youth" and urged

Friday with the party projecting him as the "hope of backwards,

accordance with the applicable acts, regulations and guidelines and

in FY25 gets board approval

advanced air, sea, and land power; \$145 billion for research, ation; and \$9.1 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative more than ever proposed before for these key lines of effort. It announced the Optimal Pathway for Australia to acquire conventionallynuclear-powered armed. submarine capabilities through AUKUS.

sion to acquire new capabilities that strengthen regional deterrence, including indigenous and acquired counterstrike capabilities like the Tomahawk

Land Attack Missile. Washington also supports Tokyo's decision to double its defence budget over the next five years and develop its industrial expertise to promote regional peace and stability.

The report also supports the India-US launching Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) to promote partnerships between US and Indian researchers, entrepreneurs, and investors.

The US is joining together with Indo-Pacific allies and partners in ways that strengthen peace and security across the region, including by together operating

ever, including \$170 billion for More on business-standard.com

KARNATAKA BANK ENABLES PAYMENT

TENDER CARE —

OF DIRECT TAX (INCOME TAX/ADVANCE TAX) FOR ITS CUSTOMERS

Karnataka Bank has now enabled the facility of payment of Direct Taxes (Income Tax/Advance Tax) for its customers. Bank is already providing the facility of online remittance through 'ICEGATE' portal for Customs Duty Payment and GSTN Portal for Goods and Service Taxes Payments and also Over the Counter mode on behalf of Central Board for Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

The development comes after Karnataka Bank was earlier authorized by Reserve Bank of India, on the basis of recommendation of Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance, for collection of Direct and Indirect Taxes, on behalf of

Speaking on the development, Shri Srikrishnan H, Managing Director & CEO of the Bank said "Post appointment as Agency Bank by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Karnataka Bank is actively engaged in Government businesses. The Bank has formally launched collections of Direct Taxes (Income Tax/Advance Tax) now whereby all of our customers can pay Direct Taxes (Income Tax/Advance Tax) at their convenience through Internet Banking facility or through any Branch of Karnataka Bank with multiple payment option of Cash/Transfer/Clearing modes within the limits prescribed by the CBDT. This is the beginning of our journey to undertake Govt business that will expand to other Central and State Govt Departments and our digital participation in India stack and the newly developed OCEN & ONDC platforms". Speaking on the formal launch of the facility, Sri Sekhar Rao, Executive Director of the Bank said, "This initiative reflects $our \, commitment \, to \, providing \, seamless \, and \, convenient \, financial \,$ solutions to our customers. Enabling income tax payments through our platform is a significant milestone, enhancing the overall banking experience. We believe this step aligns with our vision of leveraging technology to simplify financial transactions and contribute to the ease of doing business.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK: SHIFTING OF L.B.NAGAR (495500) BRANCH **TO A NEW PREMISES**

Punjab National Bank L.B.Nagar branch (D No. 495500) located at Siva ganga colony, L.B. Nagar TODAY has moved to a New spacious Premises at Mansoorabad main road, Lb Nagar, Hyderabad for the convenience of the existing branch customers. Sh. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Zonal Head – Hyderabad has inaugurated the branch. Sh. NVSP Reddy - Circle Head -Hyderabad and Mr. G. Venkanna – Branch Manager – L.B. Nagar, Other Senior Officials of Bank and existing as well as new customers graced the occasion.

Sh. Deepak Kumar Srivastava addressed the customers and requested them to continue their support in garnering good volumes of business. He advised the customers to utilise the online facilities through our Flagship App PNBOne which is a single point for availing most of the services like Opening of FDs/RDs, transferring of funds thru UPI, Scan and Pay, Pre Approved Personal Loan etc., On this occasion, few sanctions of Retail Loans in tune of Rs.4.00 crores were also handed over to different borrowers. The customers who have attended the function have praised the services of the Bank and branch staff and also wished that the branch should double the existing business and to reach new heights. The existing customers, who attended the function appraised the Management and expressed happiness for shifting the existing branch to very nearby location.

PARIVARTAN DIWAS: UNVEILS COMPREHENSIVE SUITE OF NEW

Bom DRIVES INNOVATION ON MAHA

Bank of Maharashtra celebrated Maha Parivartan Diwas on 19th December across the Bank for Digital Transformation initiatives through which the Bank positions itself at the forefront of digital innovations in the banking sector through modules encompassing customer journeys across different categories such as asset. liability, wealth and fee based income products reinforcing its commitment to meet the diverse needs of its customers, businesses and institutions, demonstrating the Bank's commitment to leveraging technology and staying ahead of the curve in the ever-evolving banking landscape.

While unveiling the new products and services, Shri. AS Rajeev, MD & CEO, Bank of Maharashtra said, "In our pursuit of redefining the banking landscape, Bank of Maharashtra is taking robust strides through the introduction of cutting-edge range of products and services that transform the banking experience for our customers. In this era of rapid digital change, we aim to expand our products and services with an aim to provide an enriching experience to our customers and the society at large.'

Shri. Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra said, "With the launch of more than 100 innovative products and services across diverse platforms such as Mobile Banking, Internet Banking, WhatsApp Banking, Credit Card services, and a spectrum of Digital Products, coupled with Operational upgradations and targeted initiatives for the MSME & Retail segment, the Bank is moving forward with its vision to pioneer innovations that resonates with the evolving needs of our customers. In today's age of rapid digital advancements, data analytics coupled with customer centricity are the keys that can beat any competition. With these measures, Bank of Maharashtra is embracing the digital future while addressing the distinct requirements of our diverse customer base. Our aim is to be a trusted financial partner, providing unparalleled convenience, reliability, and innovation. We aspire to deliver solutions that not only simplify but also enrich the financial journey of our valued customers.

Shri. Rohit Rishi, Executive Director, BoM said," By surpassing customer needs, we solidify our position to be a dynamic and customer-centric financial institution."

HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATED AT **BANK OF MAHARASHTRA**

Bank of Maharashtra organized Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm on 7th December, 2023 at Pune. The event was presided over by Shri A. S. Rajeev, Managing Director and CEO, Bank of Maharash-

tra. Renowned film and TV actress Ms. Aaryaa Sharma graced the occasion as the Chief quest, with the presence of Shri Asheesh



Pandey, Executive Director; Shri Rohit Rishi, Executive Director; Shri Amit Srivastava, Chief Vigilance Officer, Bank of Maharashtra along with General Managers of the Head office, executives, officers and employees from all over the country were present in large number at the event. Shri K. Rajesh Kumar, General Manager welcomed the dignitaries and staff members for the program, highlighting the implementation of Hindi language in the Bank. On this occasion, yearly Compilation of Bank's E-magazine "Mahabank Samvad Sarita" was released by the dignitaries present on the dais. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various Hindi competitions organized at the All India level.

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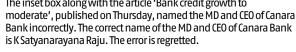
Govt signs peace pact with pro-talks faction of ULFA

The pro-talks faction of the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) on Friday signed a peace accord with the central and Assam governments, agreeing to shun violence, disband the organisation and join the democratic process. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was present along with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at the signing of the accord, said it was a very big day for the people of Assam. He said a big development package will be given to Assam as part of the accord. Every clause of the pact will be implemented fully, he said. The accord came after 12 years of unconditional negotiations between the ULFA faction, led by Arabinda Rajkhowa, and the government, officials said. The chief minister termed the accord "historic". PTI

Correction

The inset box along with the article 'Bank credit growth to











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