Shivalik Small Finance Bank Raises INR 100 Crore in Equity Funding Led By SMBC Asia Rising Fund- Japan

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14 August 2025, New Delhi: Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SSFB), India's first Small Finance Bank to transition from an urban cooperative bank, today announced that it has successfully raised INR 100 Crore in equity capital. The funding round was led by **SMBC Asia Rising Fund-Japan**, the corporate venture capital arm of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), with additional participation from the bank's existing investors, **Accel, Quona Capital, Lightspeed,** and **Sorin Investments.**

This fresh infusion of capital marks a significant milestone in Shivalik's journey to build a truly digital-first bank, especially focused on India's underserved MSME and retail segments. The funds will be utilised to strengthen the bank's technology stack, expand its workforce across critical functions such as product, engineering, and operations, and to develop scalable solutions through its rapidly growing banking-as-a-service (BaaS) proposition. With a strong digital backbone and a partner-first approach, Shivalik aims to simplify financial access for small businesses and emerging consumer segments across semi-urban and rural India.

Commenting on the development, **Anshul Swami**, **Managing Director & CEO** of **Shivalik Small Finance Bank,** said, *"We are extremely pleased to onboard SMBC Asia Rising Fund, backed by SMBC as a valuable and strategic partner in our journey of building a digital-first retail bank. At Shivalik, we are building a strong digital foundation to serve the MSME and retail customers across Bharat. Our growth plans have banking-as-a-service as a key pillar - powering a range of use-cases through innovative products and easy partner integrations. We believe that our technology stack, depth of banking knowledge, and commitment to partners will continue to allow us to deliver scalable solutions that resonate with our core audience."*

Shivalik Small Finance Bank has a legacy of over 25 years in retail banking, originating as Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank in 1997. It became the first urban cooperative bank in India to transition into a Small Finance Bank in April 2021 under the Reserve Bank of India's voluntary transition scheme. The bank operates with a strong digital foundation built on Infosys Finacle's Core and Digital Banking Suite, allowing it to deliver seamless, cloud-native experiences across web and mobile platforms.

Speaking on the investment in Shivalik, **Rajeev Kannan**, **Managing Executive Officer & Head of India Division** at **SMBC**, said, "*SMBC Group is deeply committed to contributing to the broad-based growth of the Indian economy. Through our collaboration with Shivalik—leveraging its digital-native technology stack and strategic partnerships with high-growth external platforms—we are excited to advance the provision of inclusive and scalable financial solutions across India.*"

As of FY 2024, Shivalik serves over 9 Lac customers across 79 branches and 114 business correspondents (BC) outlets in 11 states, with a workforce of around 800 employees. The bank has a business portfolio of over INR 6000 crore and generated annual revenue of INR 423 Crore in the last fiscal year. Shivalik offers a full suite of retail and MSME-focused products, including savings accounts, fixed deposits, gold loans, overdrafts, and digital payments. It has also partnered with major insurance providers like Bajaj Allianz, Go Digit, Kotak Life, LIC, and New India Assurance to offer integrated financial solutions to its growing base of customers.

About Shivalik Small Finance Bank

Shivalik Small Finance Bank is the first Urban Cooperative Bank in India to transition into a Small Finance Bank, with over 25 years of experience in retail banking. Since its SFB launch in 2021, the bank has focused on scalable, tech-enabled growth. It operates on a cloud-native architecture, powered by the Infosys Finacle Core and Digital Banking Suite, **serving 9+ lakh customers** across **79 branches and 114 BC outlets in 11 states**. With a business size crossing **₹6,000cr, annual revenue of ₹423cr, and an employee base of over 800**, Shivalik continues to scale sustainably by leveraging its digital-first approach and strong retail presence in semi-urban and emerging markets.

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About SMBC Asia Rising Fund

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