

Indian Bank net doubles to ₹1,396 crore in Q3

GROWTH PATH. NPAs see big fall; NII grows 25 per cent

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Indian Bank has recorded an all-around performance for the December 2022 quarter with a doubling of net profit, reduction in NPAs, double-digit growth in net interest margin, and credit offtake.

The Chennai-headquartered bank's net profit doubled to ₹1,396 crore in Q3 of this fiscal compared with ₹690 crore in the year-ago quarter, supported by a higher operating profit on the back of growth in net interest income and other income.

The operating profit of Indian Bank grew 24 per cent at ₹4,061 crore (₹3,288 crore). Net interest income reported an increase of 25 per cent at ₹5,499 crore (₹4,395 crore).

Total provisions wer-



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e marginally higher at ₹2,665 crore (₹2,598 crore). Fresh slippages were significantly lower at ₹1,192 crore, of which ₹677 crore was in the MSME segment, ₹294 crore in the retail segment, and ₹197 crore in the agriculture category.

Slippages in the corporate segment were at ₹25 crore (₹955 crore). Cash recovery

was higher at ₹1,339 crore (₹1,096 crore).

DECLINING NPAS

Gross NPAs (GNPA) declined to 6.53 per cent in Q3 of this fiscal from 7.30 per cent in September 2022 quarter and 9.13 per cent in December 2022 quarter. Net NPA was at just 1 per cent, down from 2.72 per cent in December 2022 quarter and 1.50 per cent in the preceding quarter.

“Quarter after quarter our gross NPA and net NPA have been coming down. Our business is growing, while profitability is also surging. Indian Bank is on the right growth path,” said Shanti Lal Jain, MD and CEO of Indian Bank.

On the NSE today, the Indian Bank share closed at ₹ 291.25, 0.38 per cent higher than the previous close.