

Assam Gramin Vikash Bank enters into strategic alliance with Brickwork Ratings

Brickwork Ratings, a SEBI, RBI and NSIC registered credit rating agency, entered into a strategic alliance with **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank**, under which Brickwork Ratings will assign performance and credit ratings to the MSME borrowers of the bank. Brickwork Ratings offers a special incentive by discounting its rating fees with a view to encourage existing and potential MSME customers of the bank in obtaining a professional rating. The MoU was signed by Shio Shankar Singh, chairman, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank and D Ravishankar, Founder Director, Brickwork Ratings.

Shio Shankar Singh, Chairman, Assam Gramin Vikash Bank said, "It's good to get into a relation with Brickwork Ratings and the same needs to be long term. Every relation or tie up survives on mutual understanding and mutual benefit and am sure in this journey Assam Gramin Vikash Bank and Brickwork Ratings will live up to each other's expectations."

D Ravishankar, founder director, Brickwork Ratings said, "The MoU is a significant achievement of our initiatives towards MSME development. We have maintained our focus on the MSME sector and look forward to play a promising role in the growth story of the segment in Northeast India."

Through the MoU, Brickwork Ratings aims to provide an objective and methodical decision making tool to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank which will assist in risk pricing, serve as an input for setting collateral requirements for borrowers and interest rates. Assam Gramin Vikash Bank's borrowers would be able to obtain ratings at an economical cost.