

Equitas Small Finance Bank

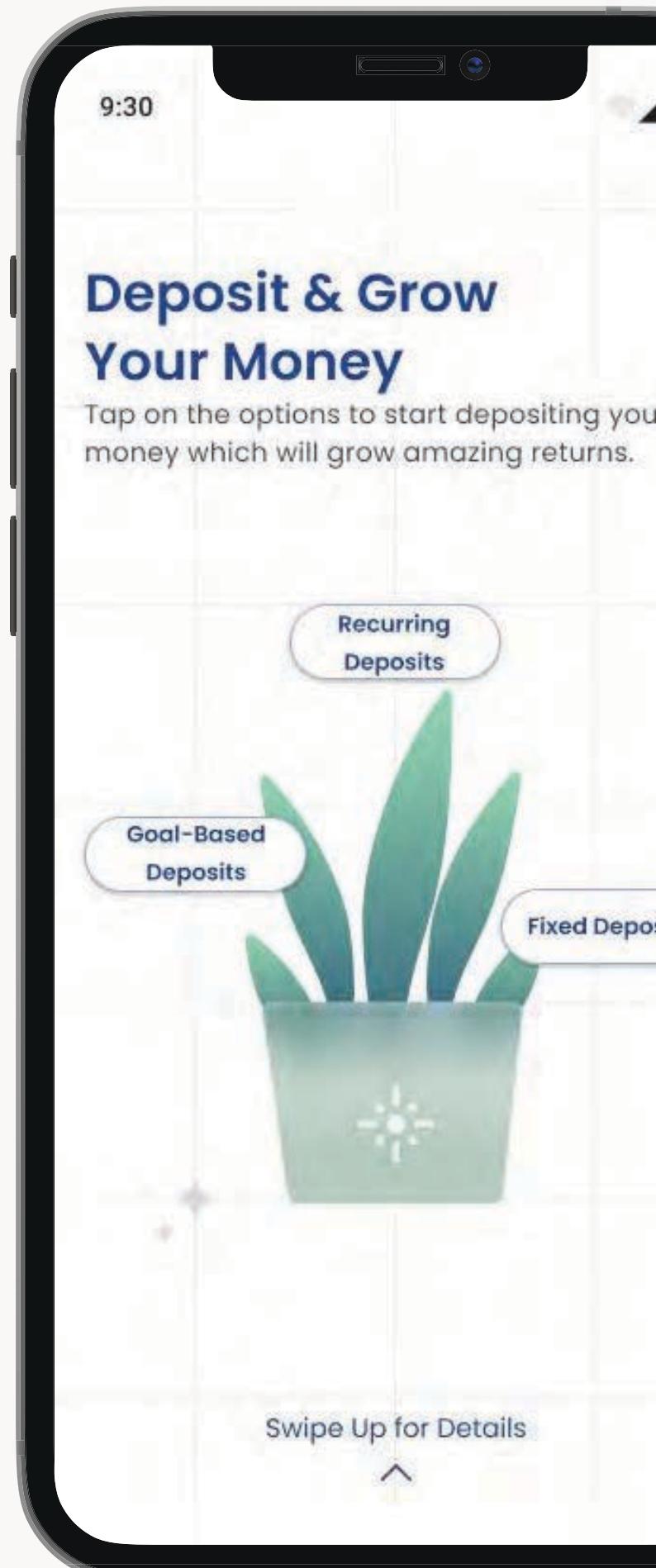
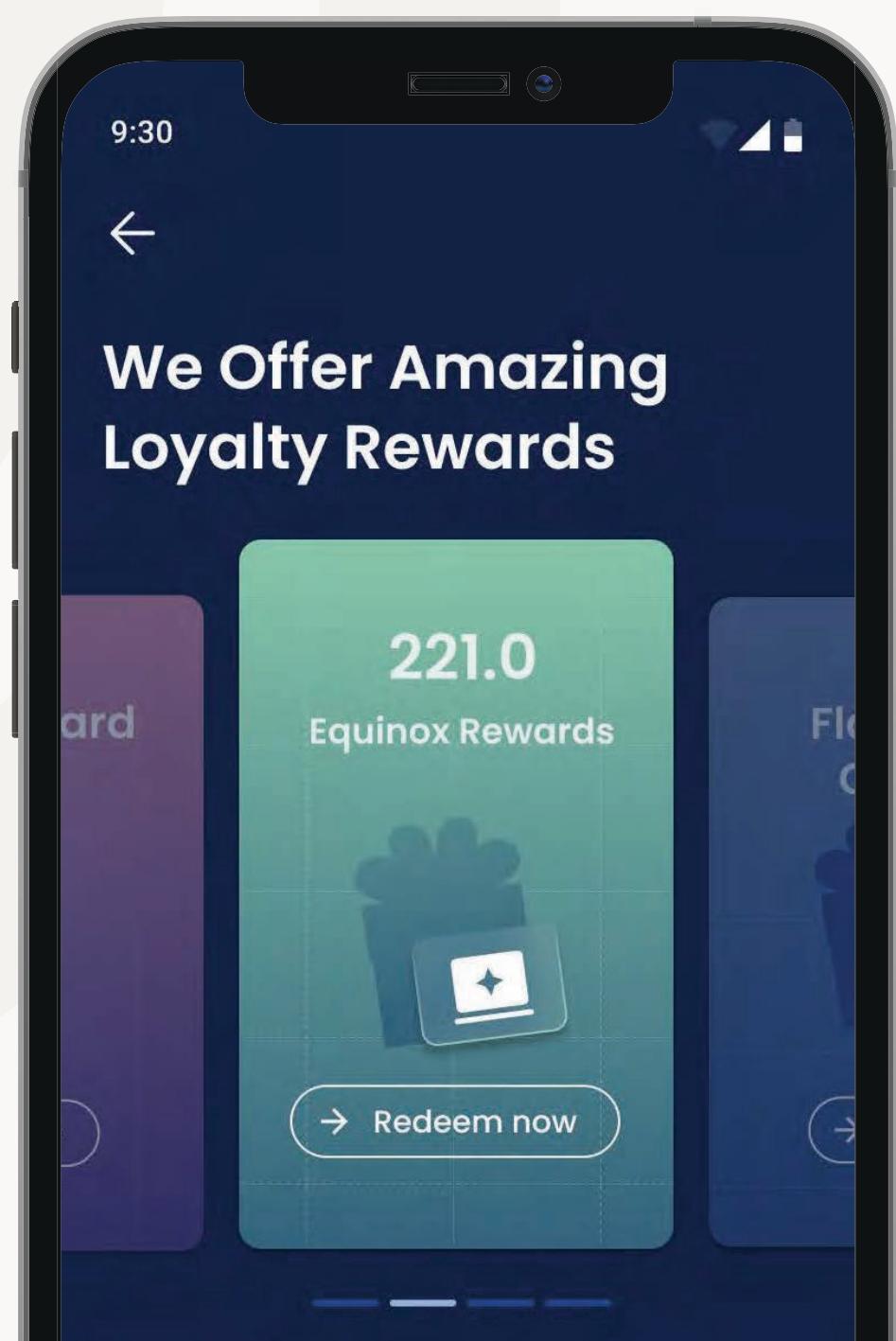
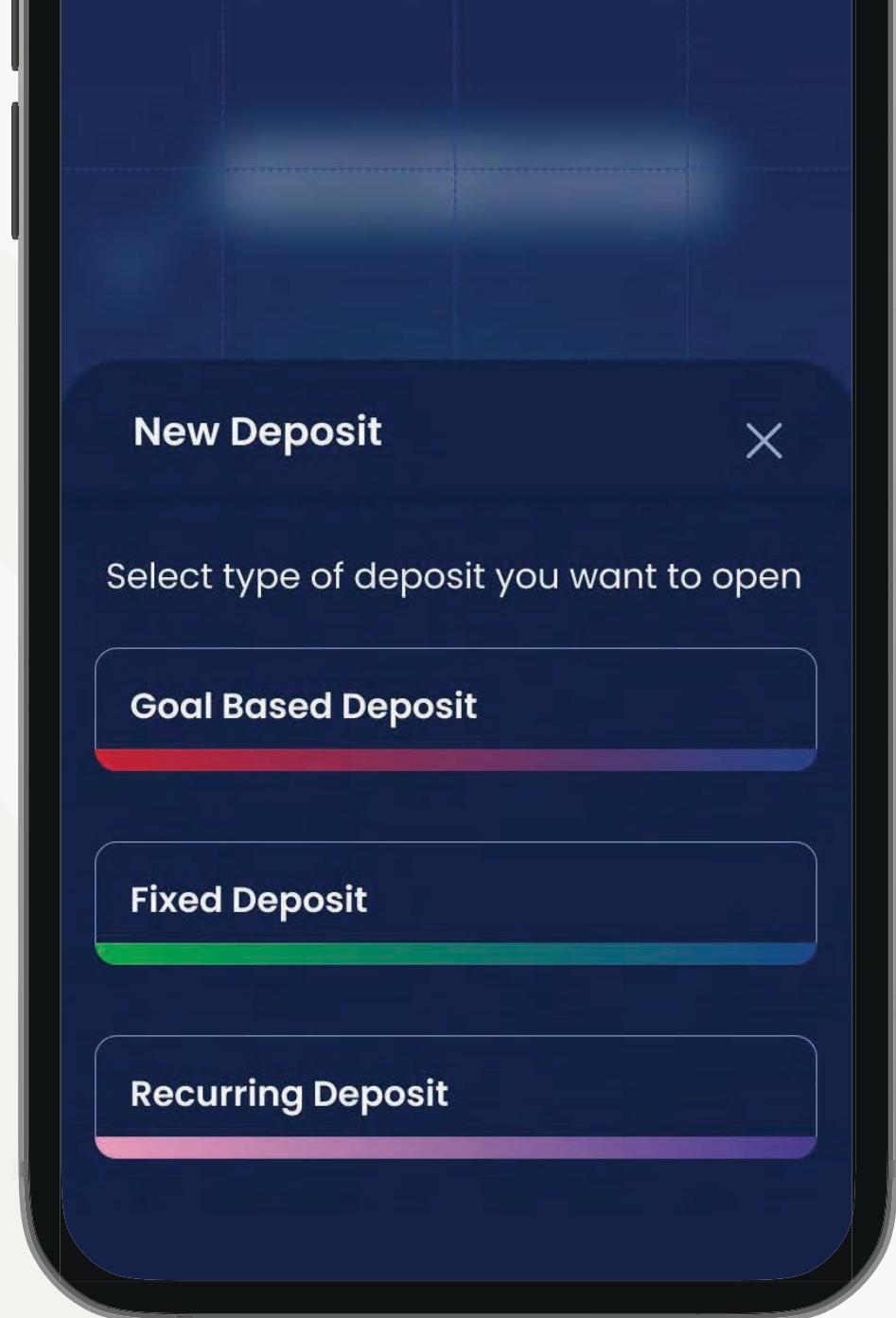
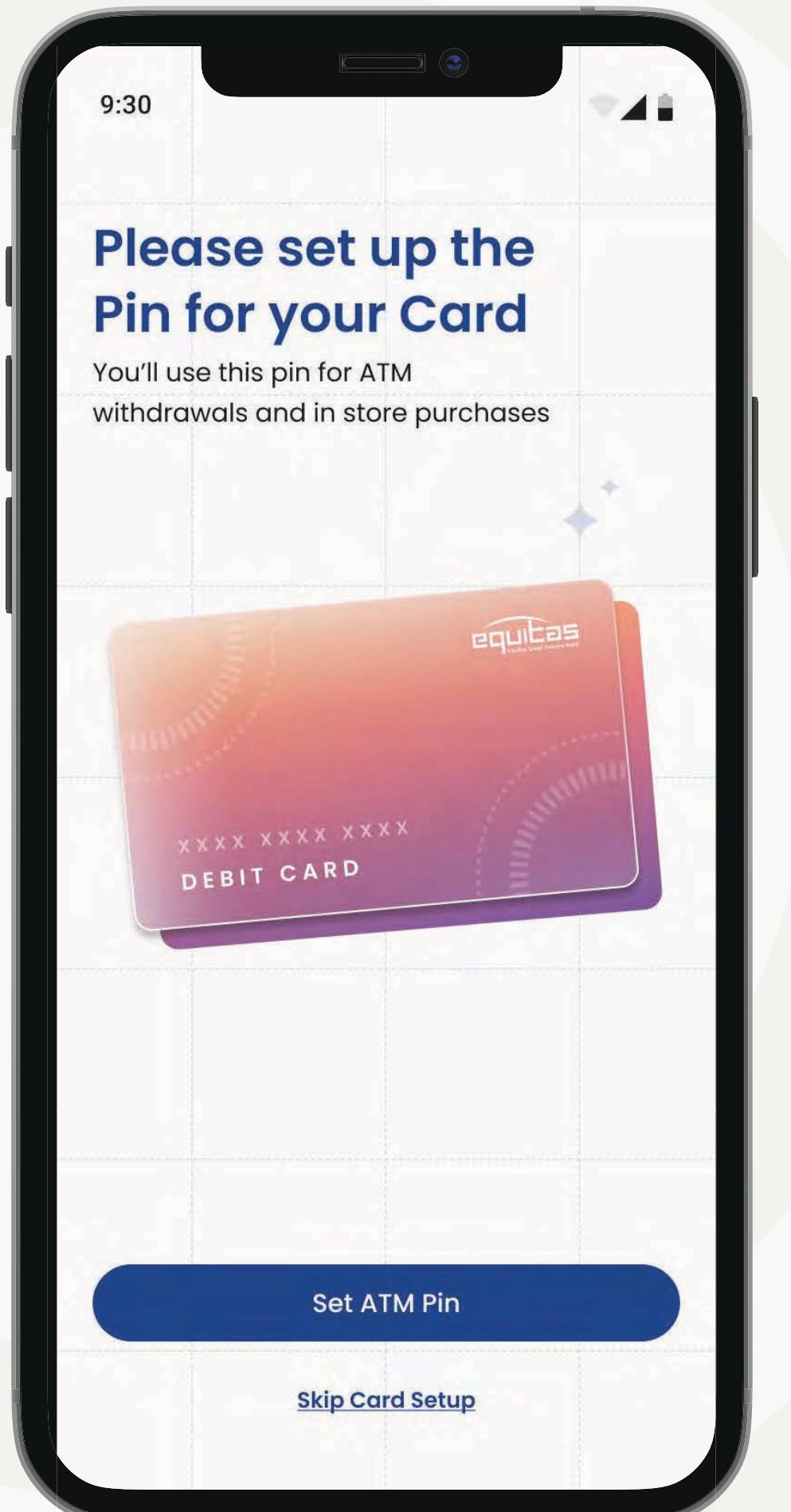
Equitas Small Finance Bank is a New Age Bank that offers a new way to bank to children, youth, families, and business people across India.



Project Duration

January - March 2023

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Project Overview

Enhance the user interface and functionality of the bank's online banking platform to improve engagement, boost customer happiness and promote digital adoption across users of all ages (**Seniors, Middle-aged, and Young**).



My Role

UX Designer

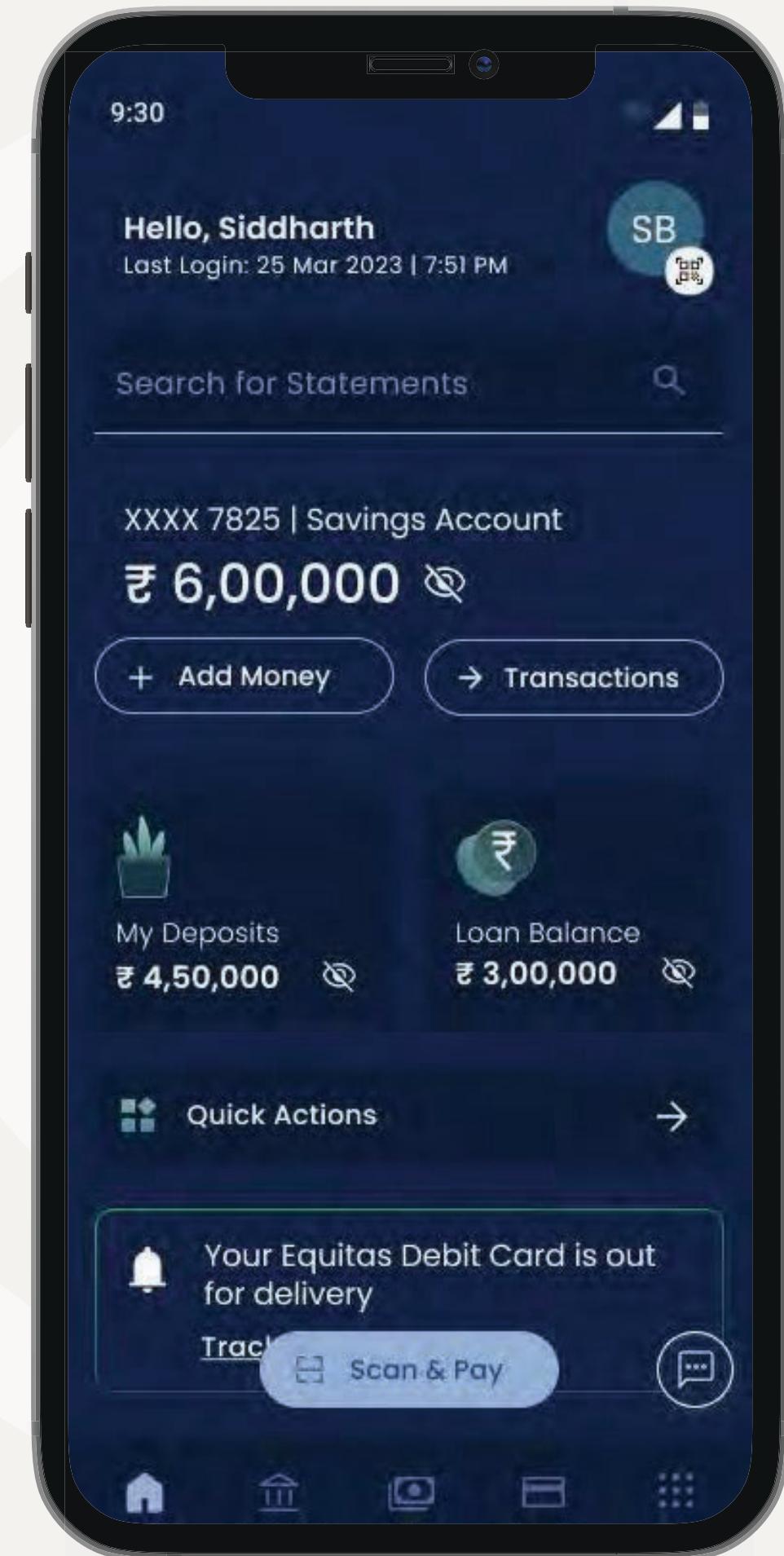
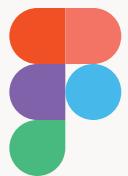


My Responsibilities

- User Research
- Information Architecture
- Wireframing & Prototyping
- Usability Testing



Tools



The Problem

The present online banking platform is not user-friendly, which leads to a poor user experience and minimal client engagement. Customers are unable to efficiently manage their funds and use online banking services due to the platform's outmoded design, difficult navigation, and constrained capabilities.

The Goal

The bank's online banking platform's UX design strategy aims to develop a smooth and user-centric digital banking experience that delights consumers, boosts engagement, and cultivates a strong feeling of trust and happiness.



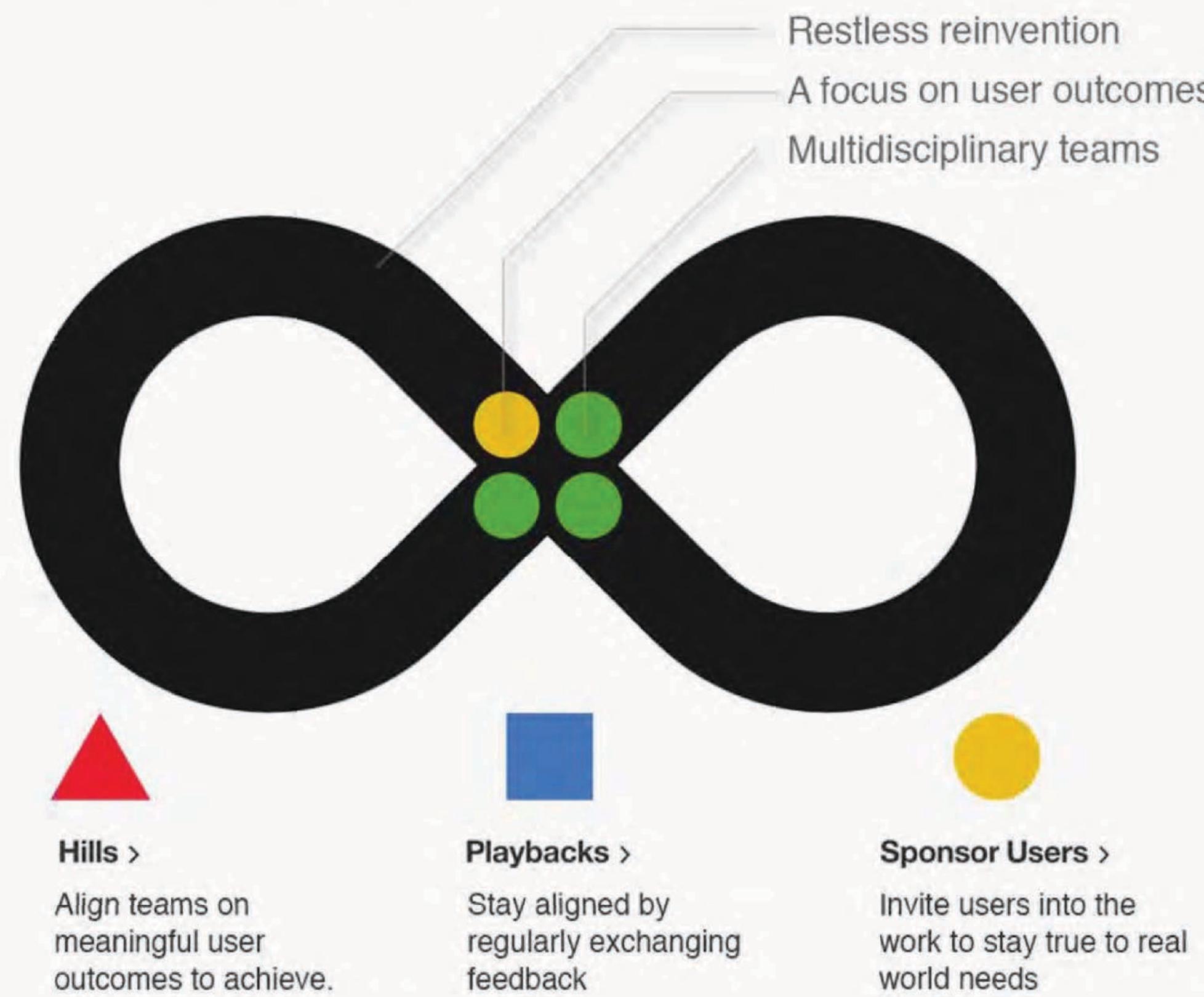


IBM Design Thinking Process

IBM Design Thinking is a scalable framework to help teams understand and deliver—continuously. You begin by making a conscious commitment, as a team, to prioritize your users over other, sometimes competing, business concerns.

The Loop

Observe | Reflect | Make



User Research

For design decisions to be informed, it involves gathering information and understanding the needs, behaviors, and preferences of the target consumers. I was able to develop user-centered designs that satisfy the requirements, preferences, and expectations of their target users because to my extensive understanding of their target consumers gained via user research. This research-driven approach enhances the likelihood of building solutions that resonate with people and create a pleasant user experience.

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User Interviews

Conduct one-on-one interviews with users to gather qualitative data about their goals, motivations, pain points, and expectations related to the product or service being designed.

2

Contextual Inquiry

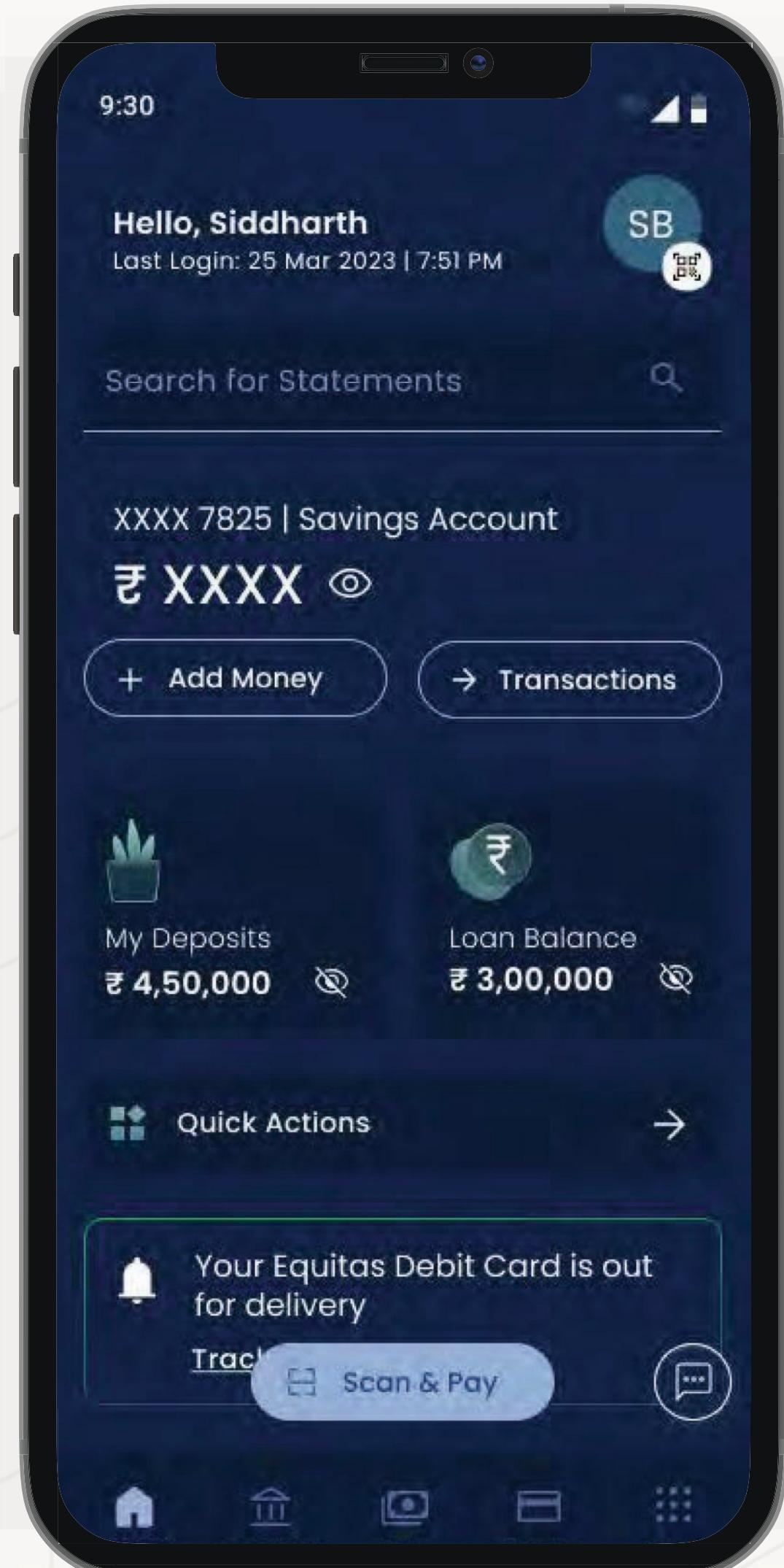
Observe and interact with users in their natural environment to gain a deep understanding of their behaviours, workflows, and challenges.

3

Competitive Analysis

Analyze competitors' products or services to understand industry trends, best practices, and areas of differentiation. This research helps identify opportunities for improvement and innovation in the UX design.

Pain Points



1

Complex Navigation

User find it difficult to locate the needed financial services due to complex navigation.

2

Registration

Complicated and challenging Selfe & Account registration processes could discourage potential customers from enrolling in online banking.

3

Lack of Personalization

Users find it challenging to access relevant information or customise their preferences, leading to a lack of engagement and relevance in their digital banking interactions.

4

Lack of Transparency

Users find it challenging to comprehend their account balances, transaction histories, or fees due to the complexity of the financial information and the lack of clear explanations or visualisations.

User Personas

MS Dhoni



Smiling and dreaming won't cost money. So, I expertise in both of them.

Age: 45

FAMILY: Married, 2 Kids

LOCATION: Nandanam, Chennai

EDUCATION: University of Madras

OCCUPATION: Security & Fraud Specialist

Bio

I am a dedicated and results-driven banking professional with 15 years years of experience in the financial industry.

I have a passion for delivering exceptional customer service and building long-lasting relationships with clients.

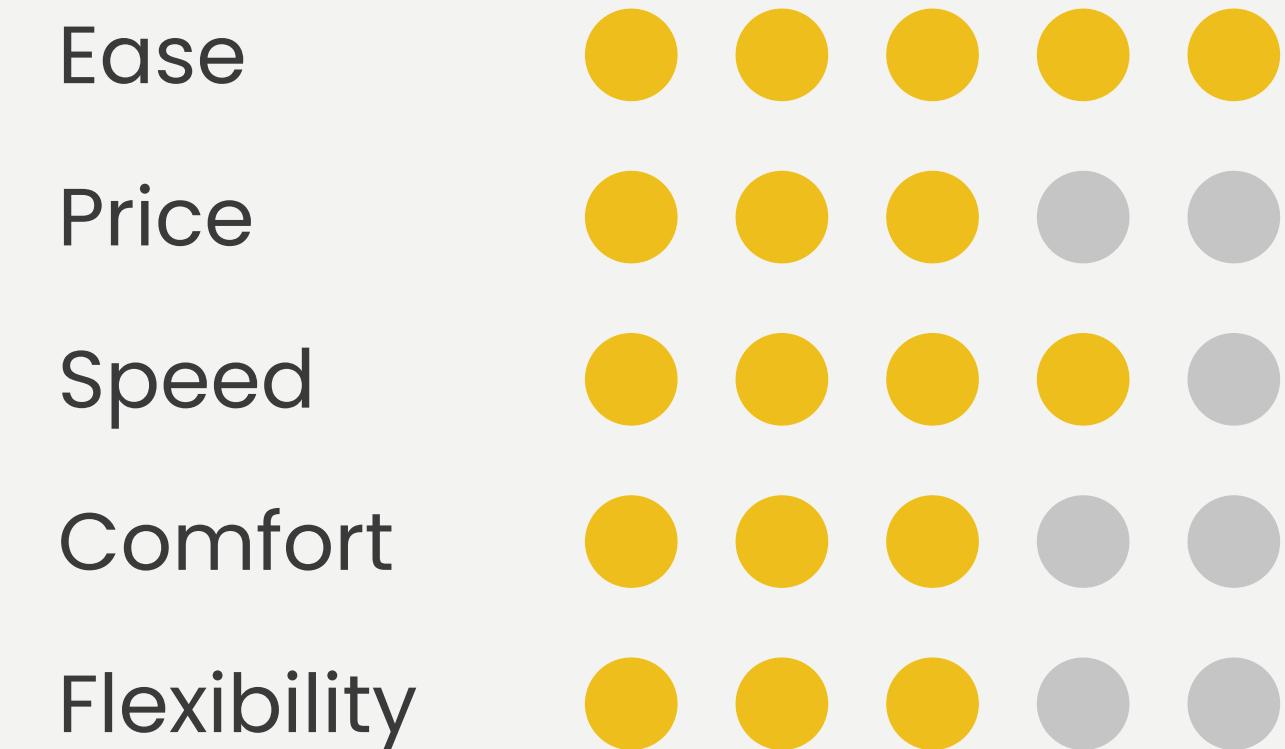
Goals

- Convenient and time-efficient banking services to fit her busy lifestyle.
- Seamless access to account information and transaction history.
- Quick and secure fund transfers and bill payments.
- Personal finance management tools to track expenses and set financial goals.
- Advanced digital banking features and functionalities.

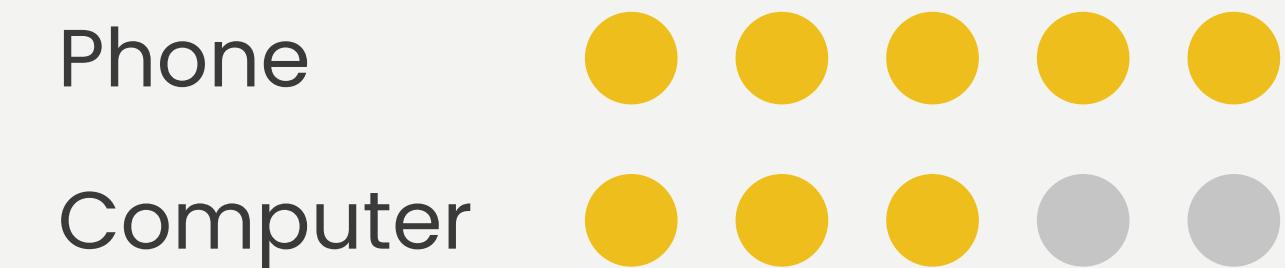
Frustrations

- The digital banking processes overwhelming and confusing.
- Finds it challenging to understand the complex terms, conditions, and policies associated with banking services.

Motivations



Preferred Medium



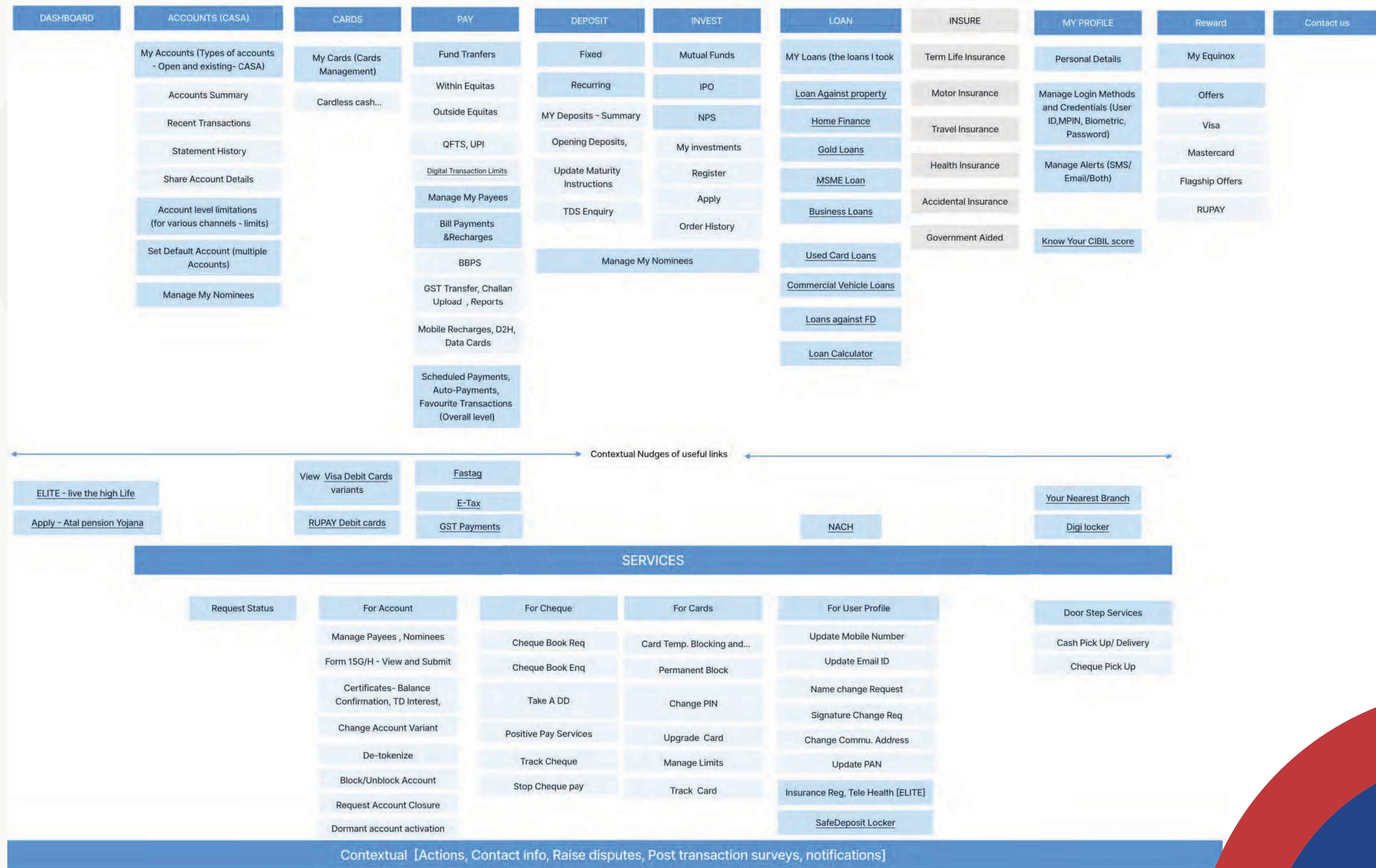
Competitive Audit

Conducting a thorough investigation of competitors in the banking business to get insights into their goods, services, user experience, and market positioning is what a competitive audit includes.

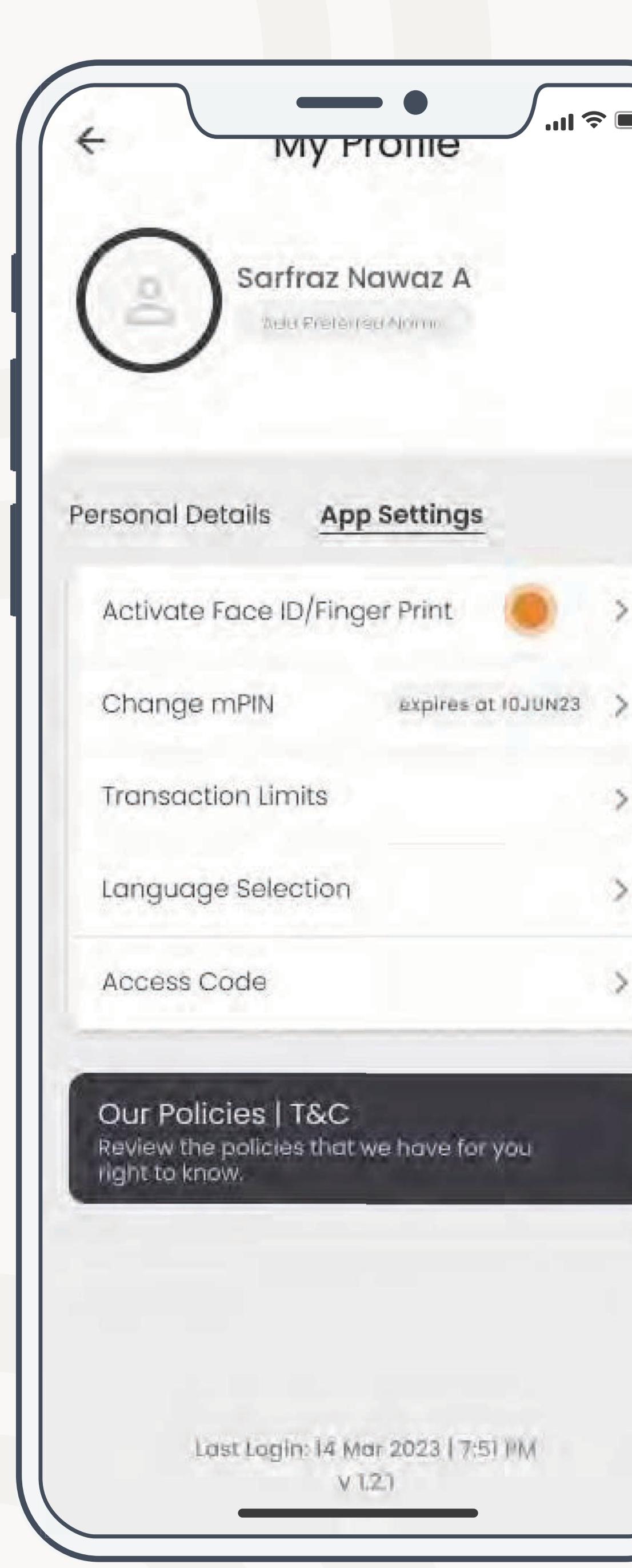
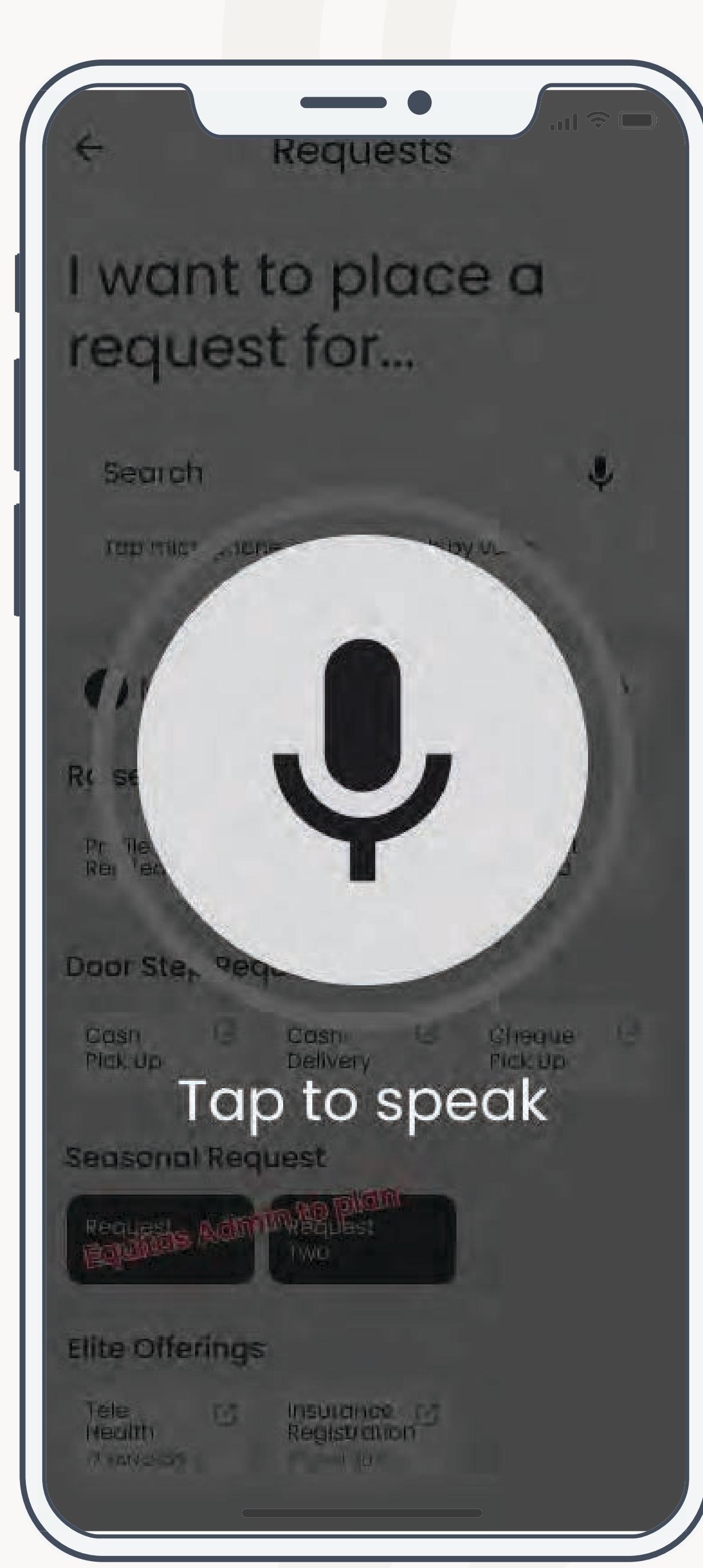
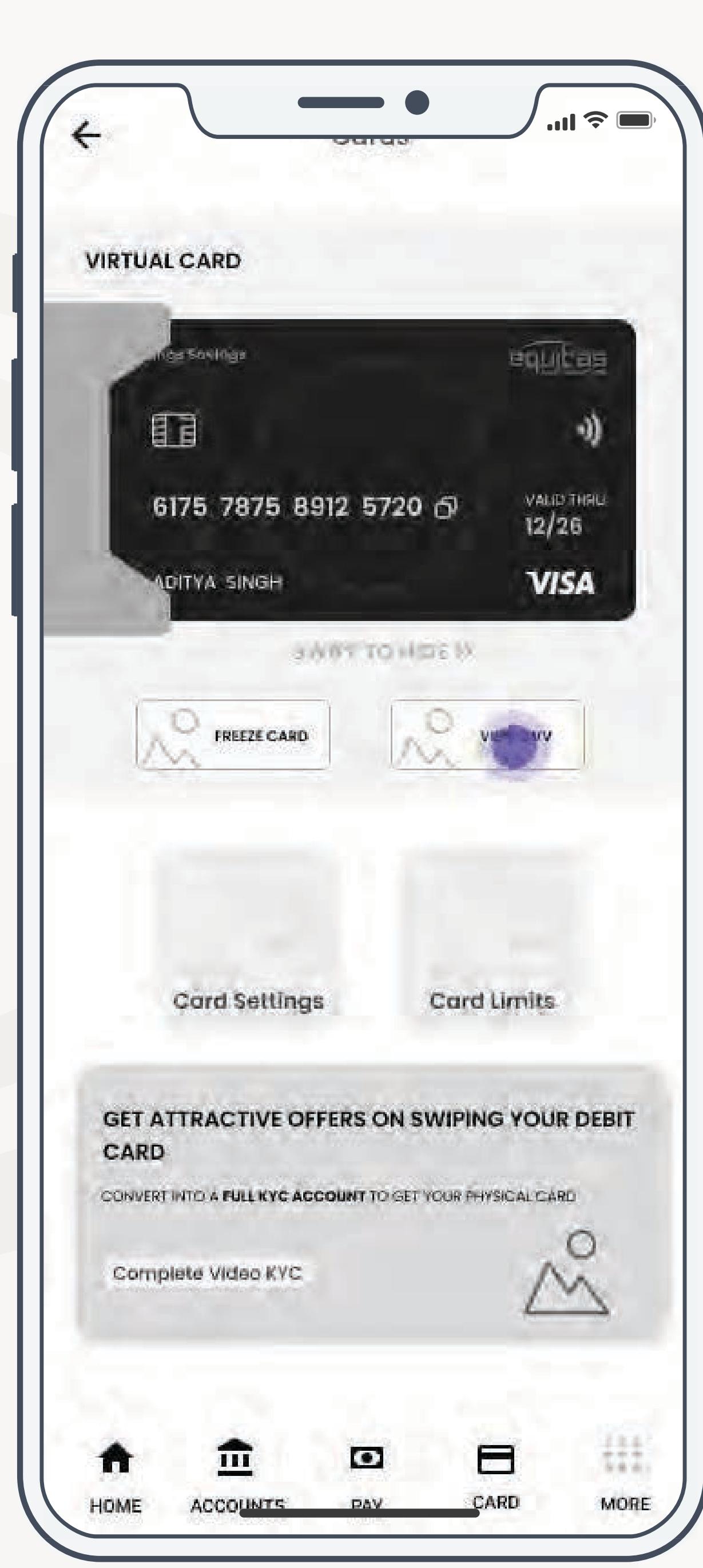
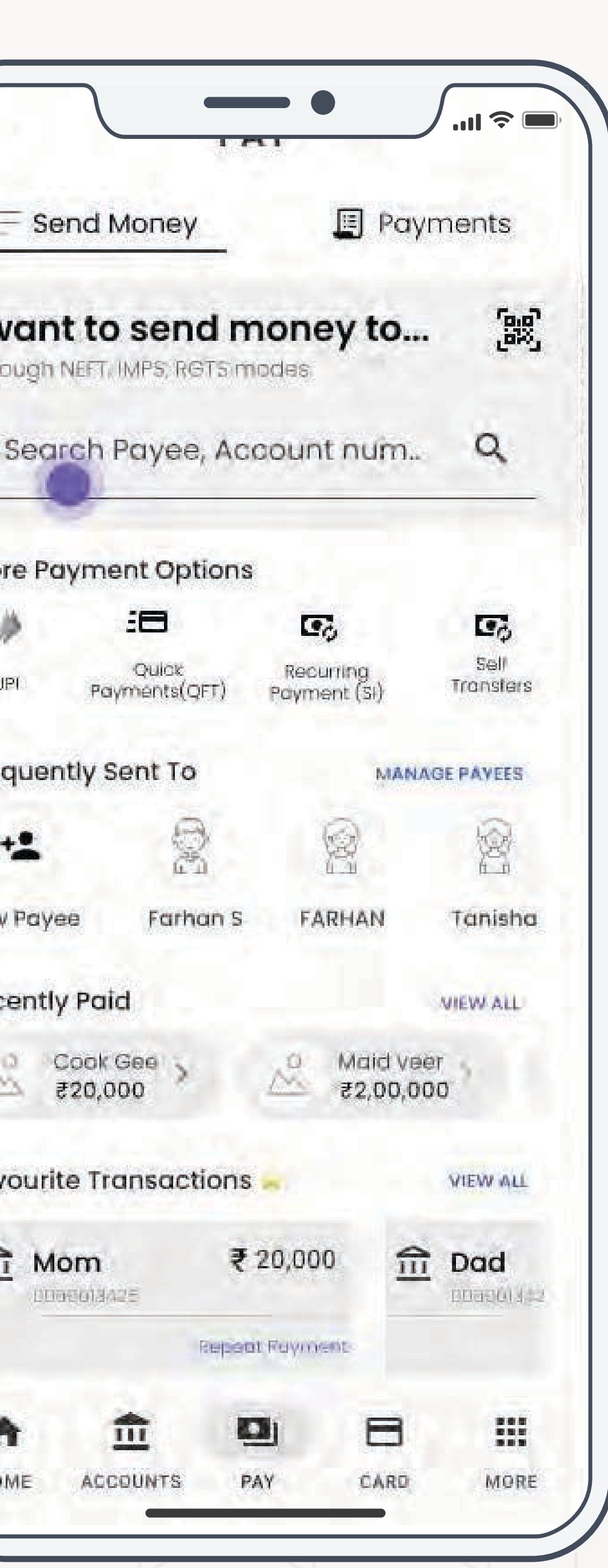
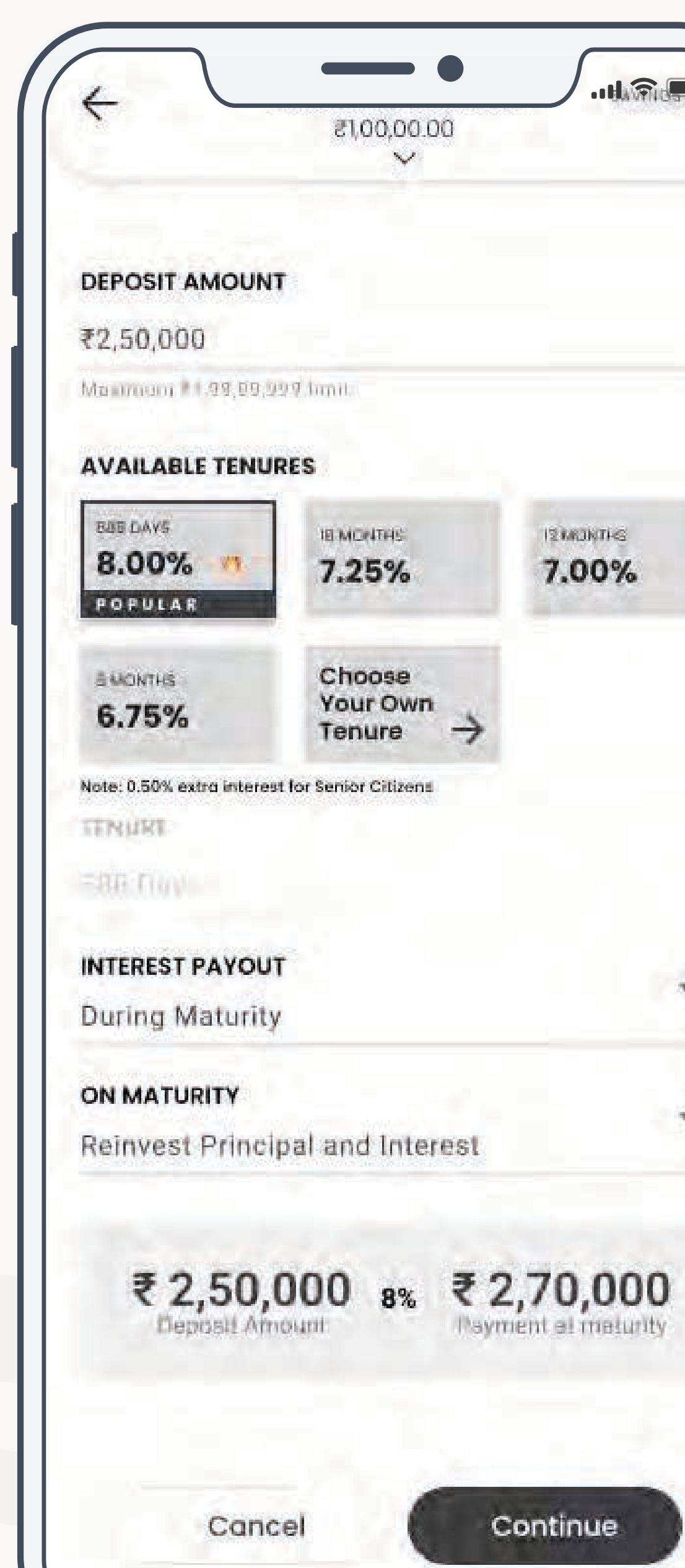
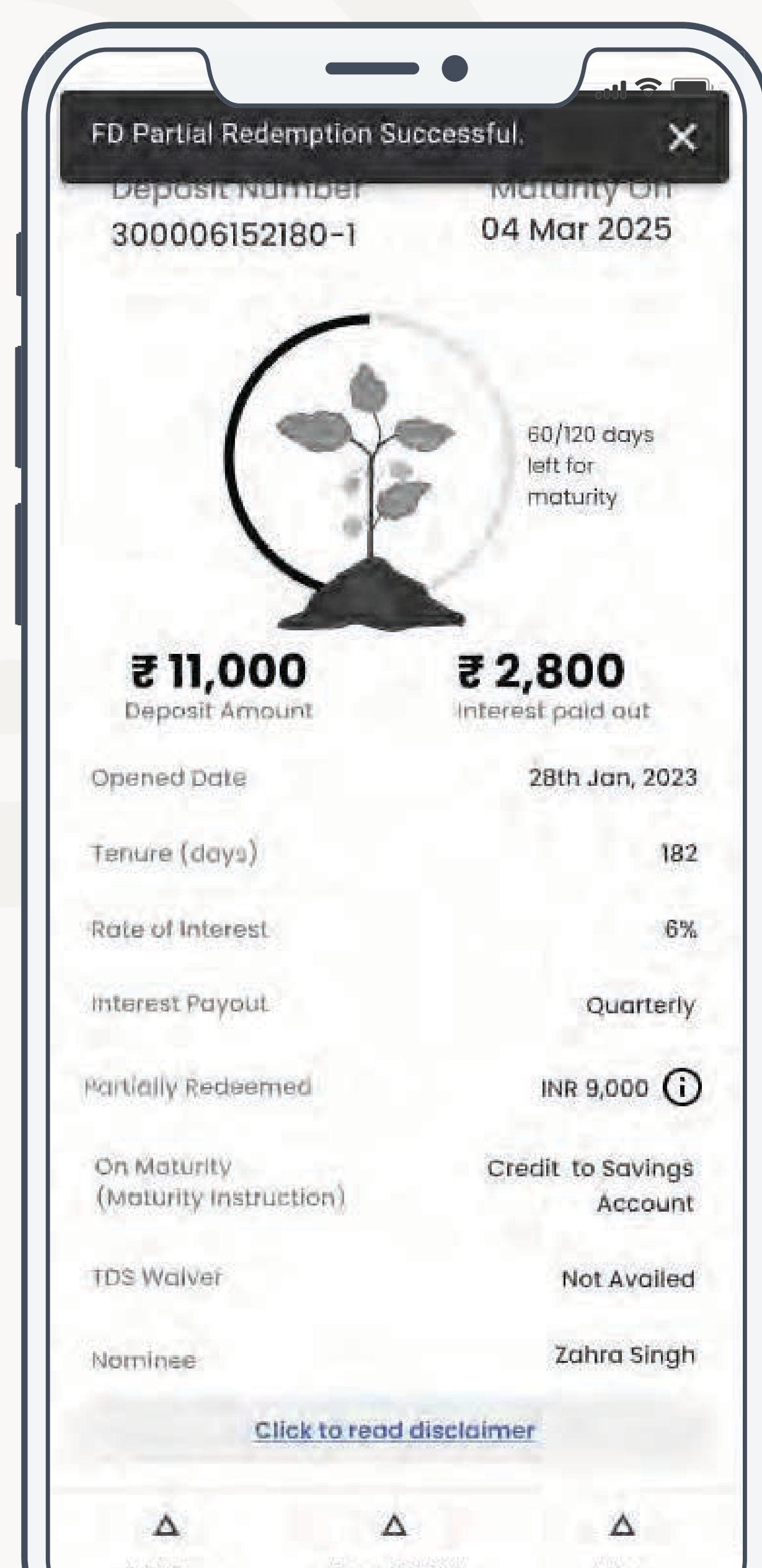
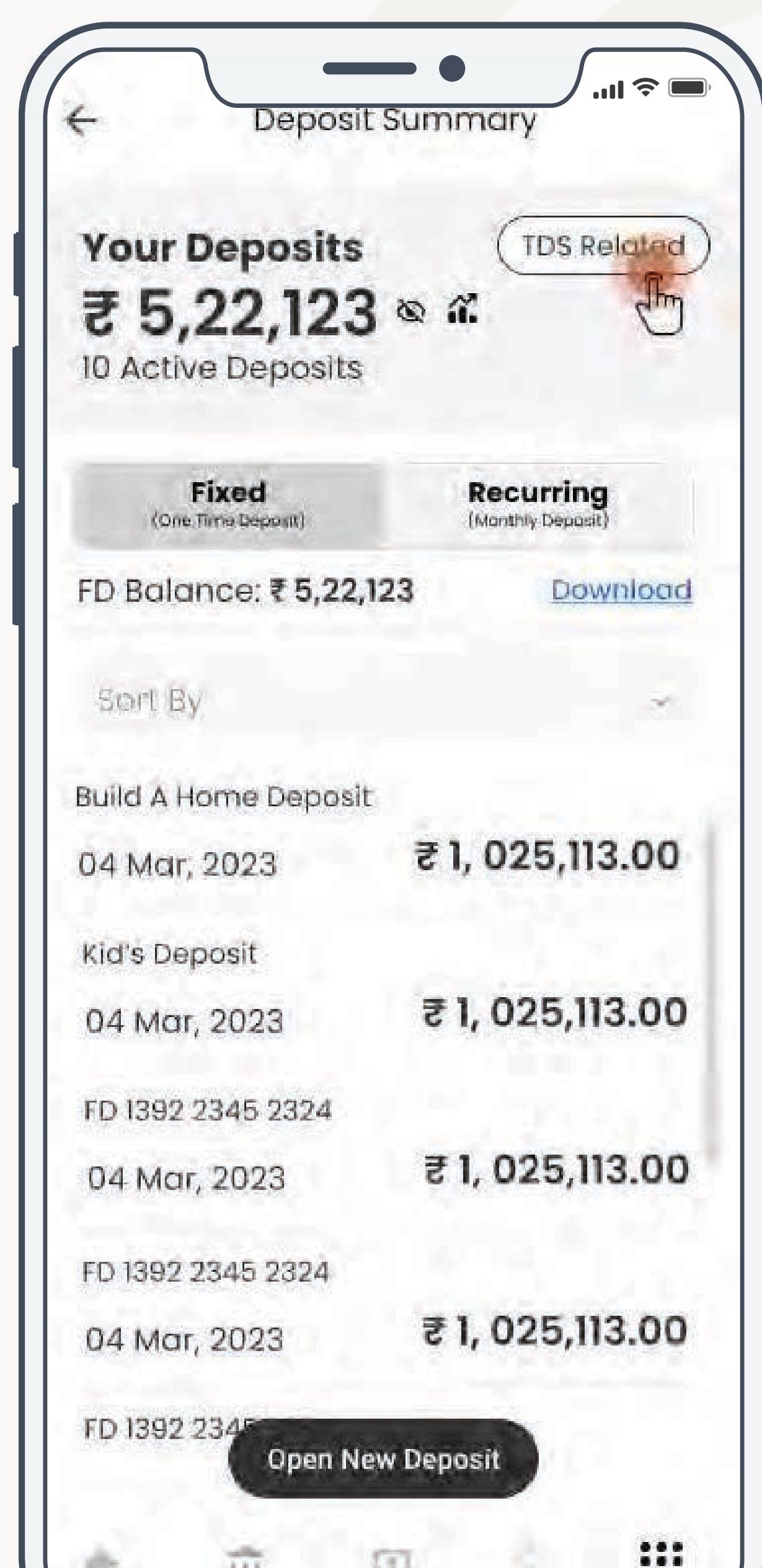
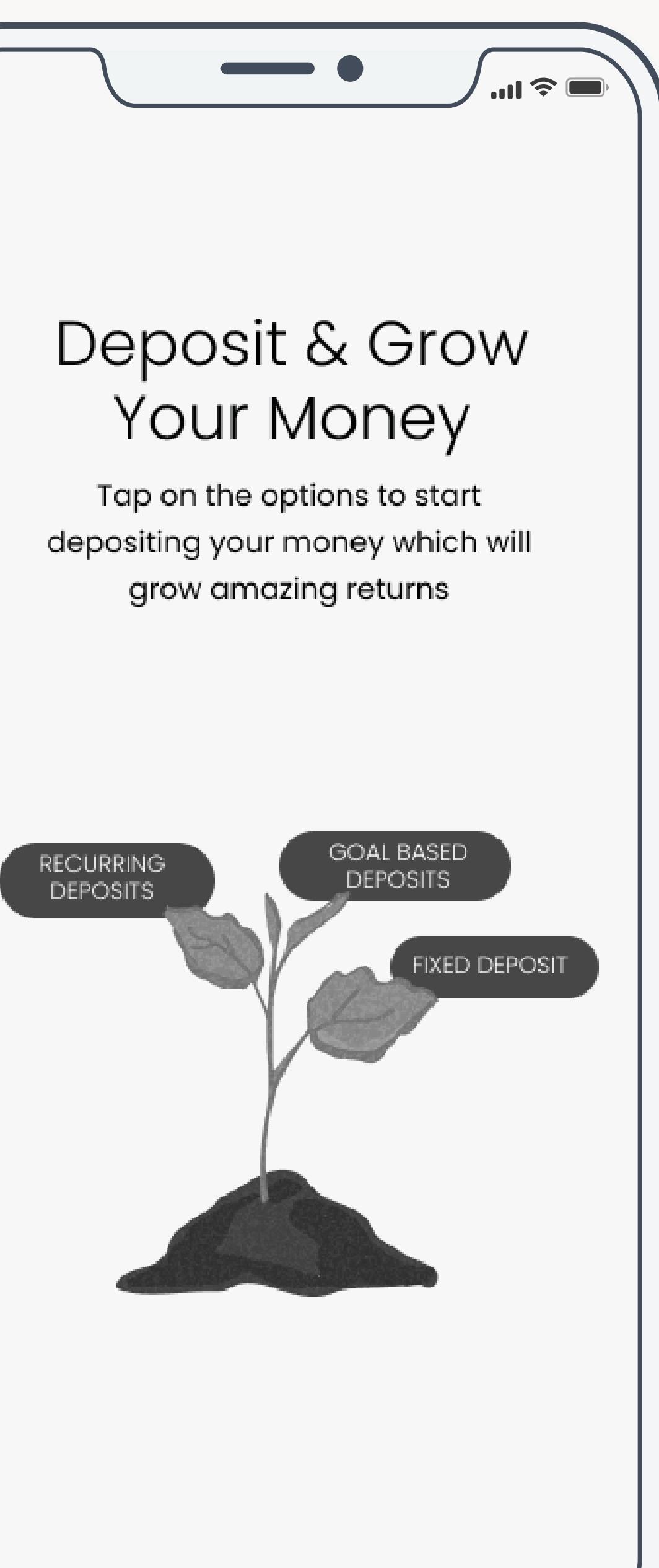
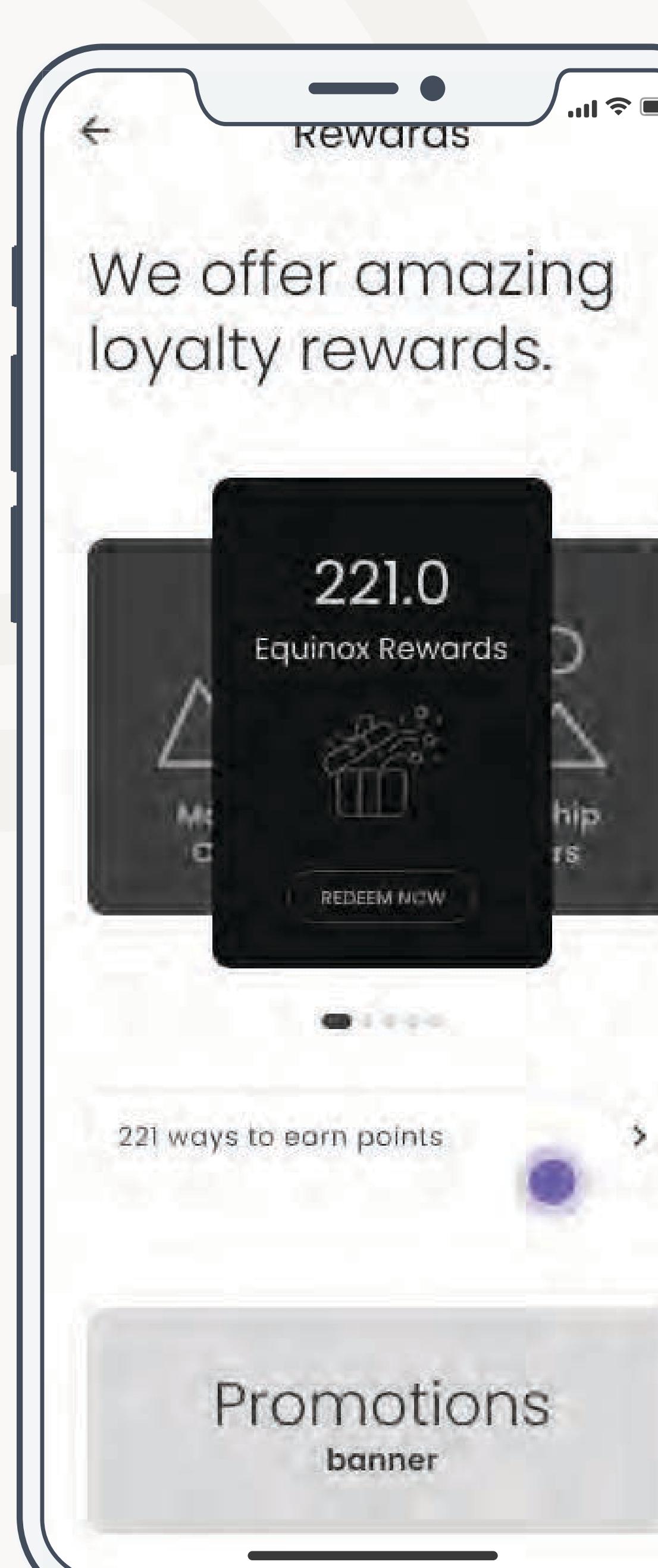
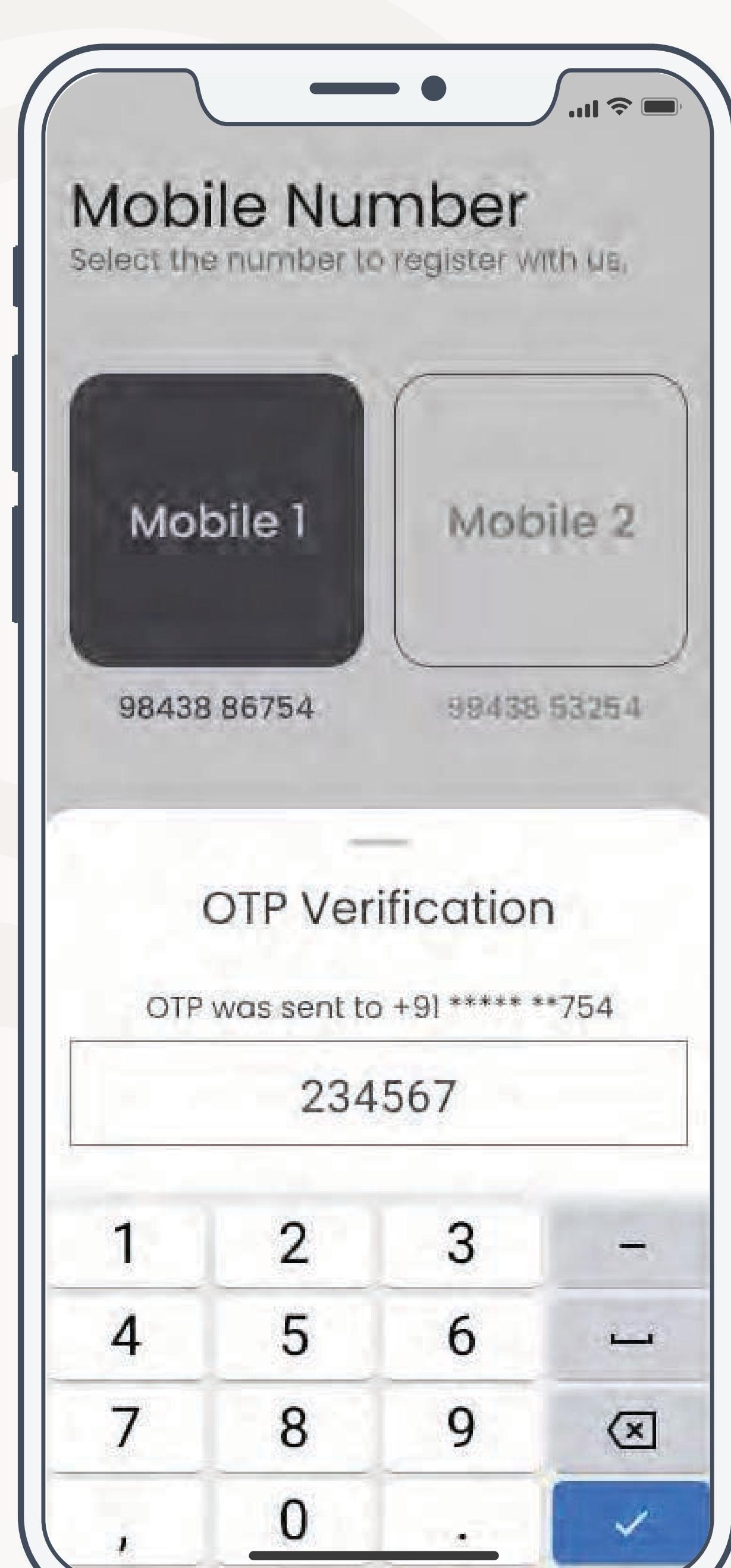
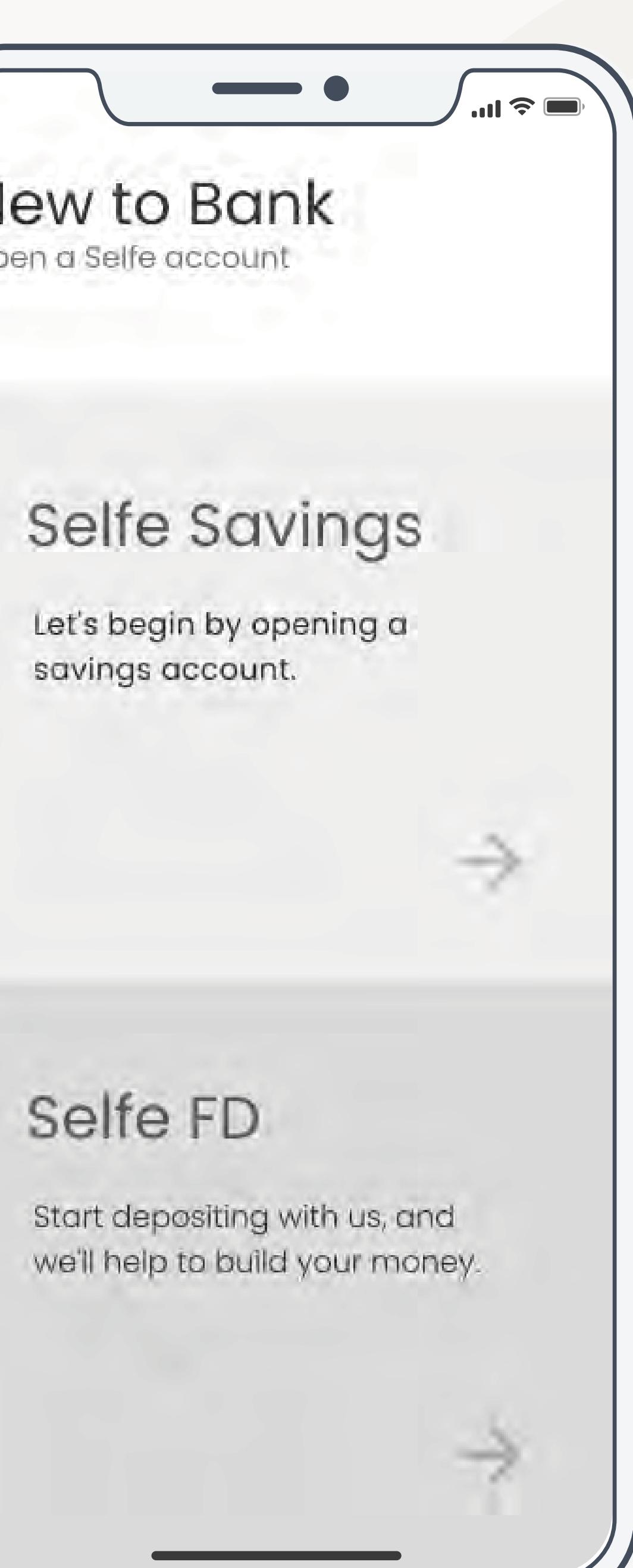
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Play Store (Android)										
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Features										
Login										
Biometric Login	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Face ID	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓				
Account Opening										
VKYC	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓				
Selfie account opening		✗	✗	✓	✓	✗				
Transactions										
UPI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
NFC		✓	✗			✓				
Bill Payments/Subscriptions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Donations	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓				
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Features										
Deposits										
Digital cheque deposit		✗	✗		✓	✓				
Personal Wallet		✗	✗	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Pay later account		✗	✗	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓
Recurring deposit (SI)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Goal based saving		✓	✗			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Investments (MF)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cards										
Offer credit/debit card	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Pin changes	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
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Information Architecture/User flow

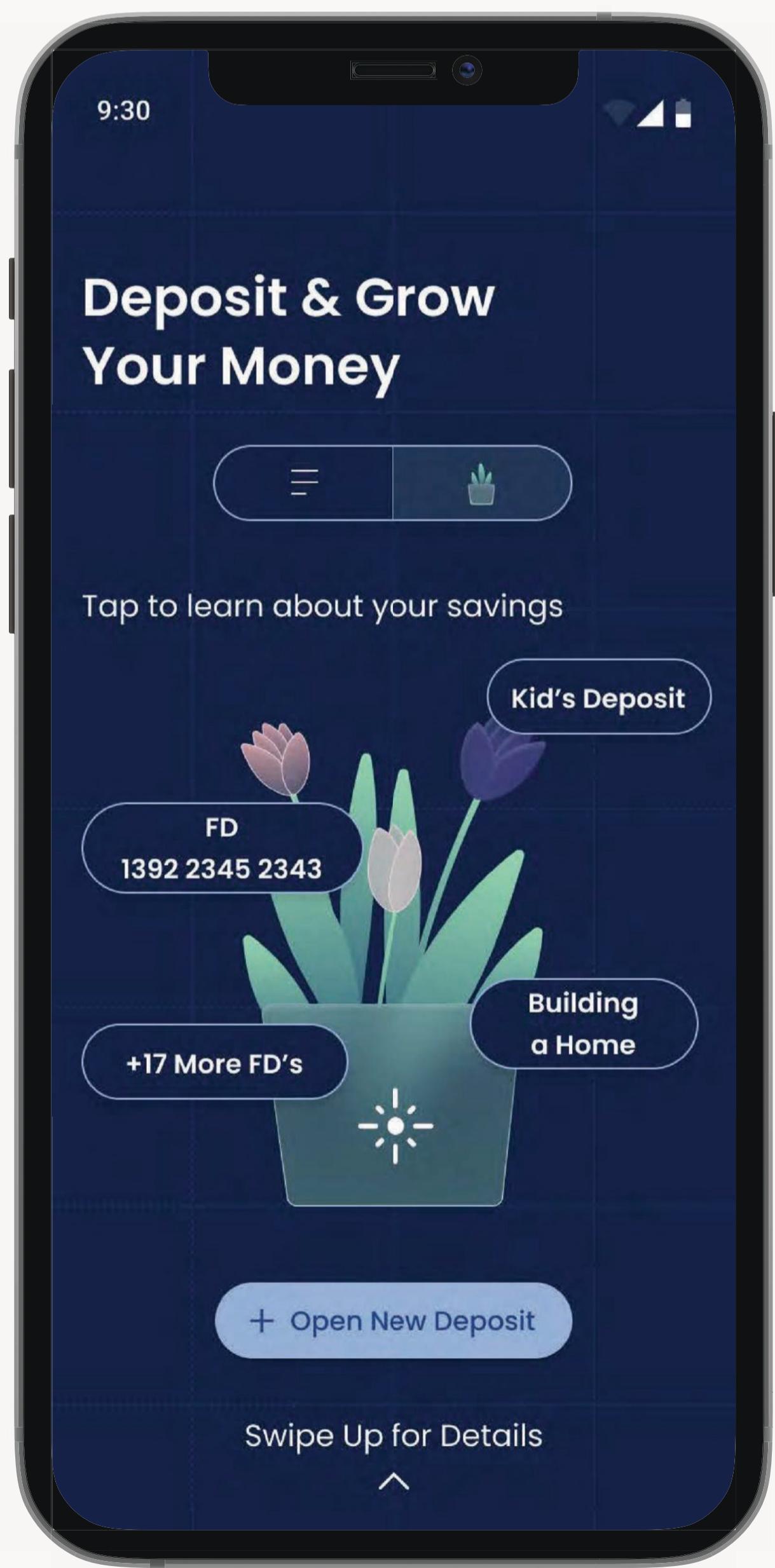
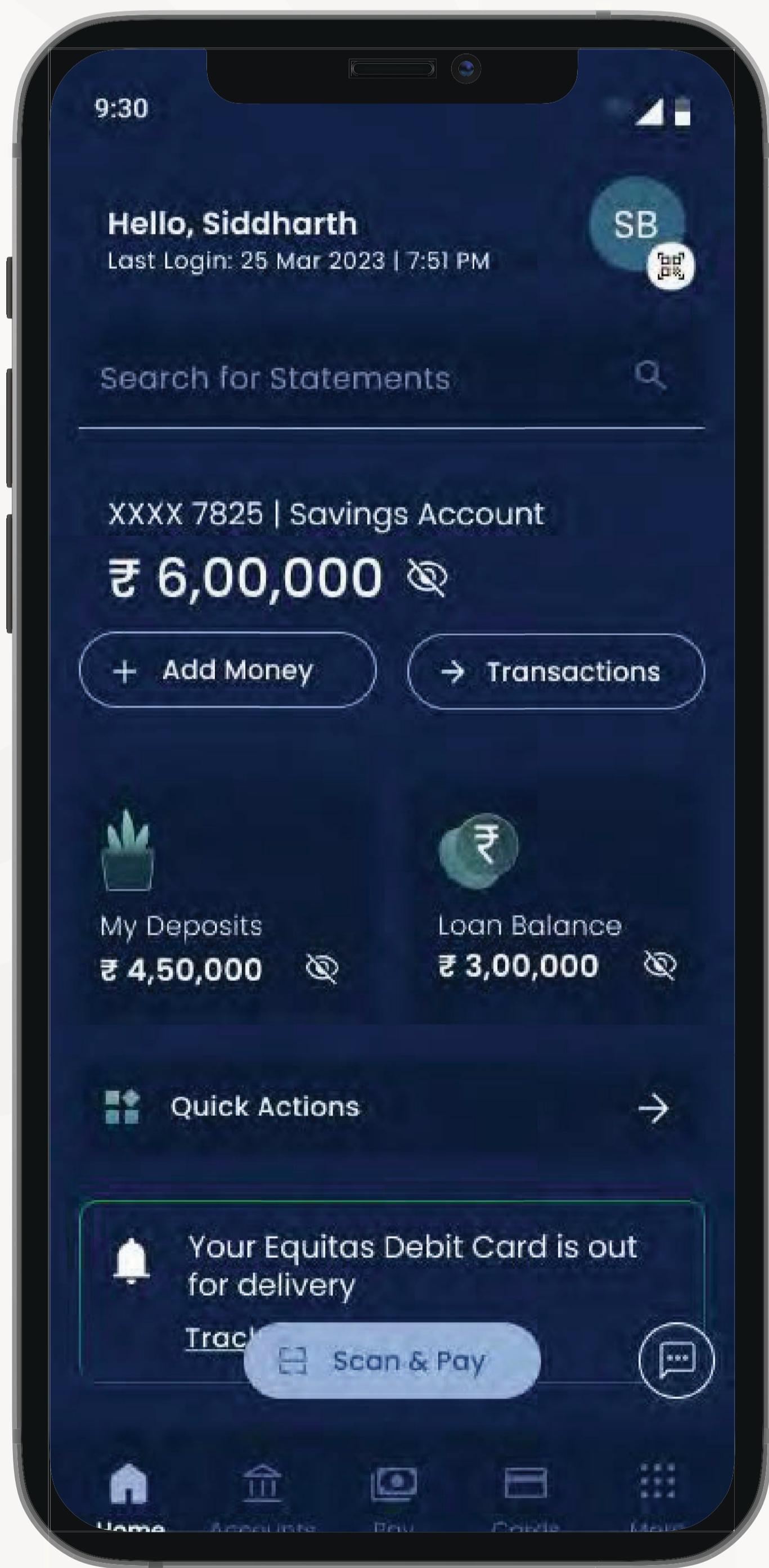
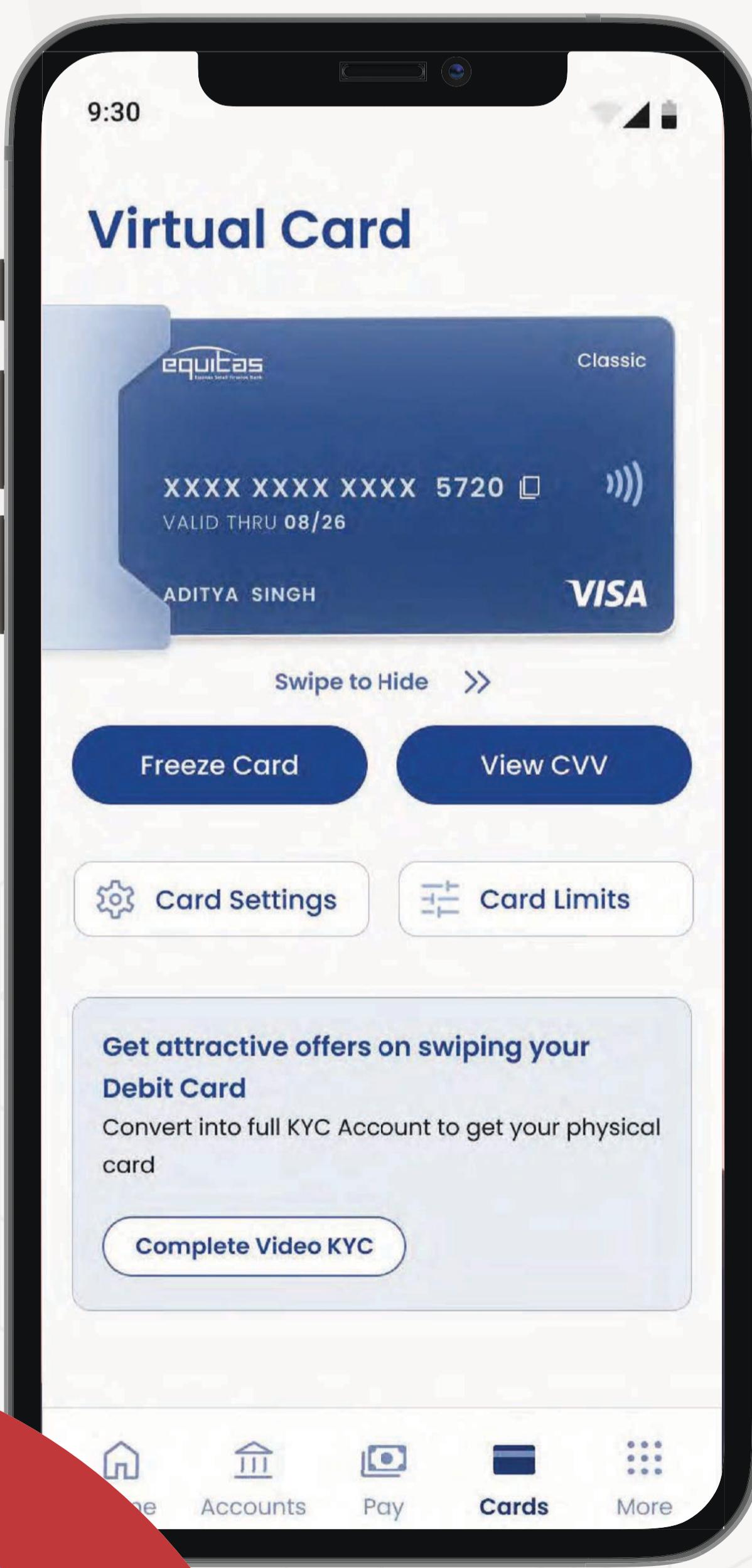


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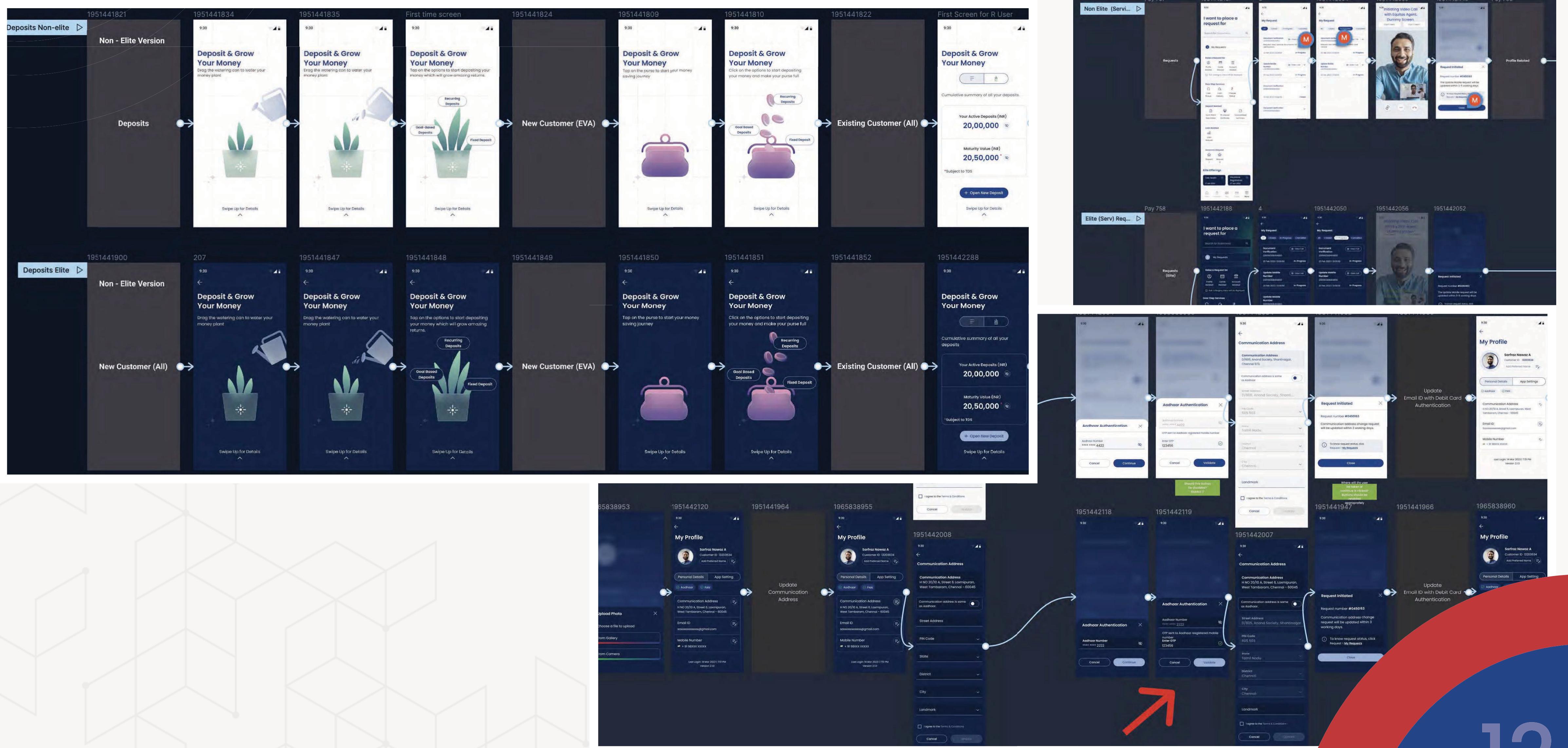


Hifi Mockups

Apple & Android Devices



Hifi Prototype Screenshot



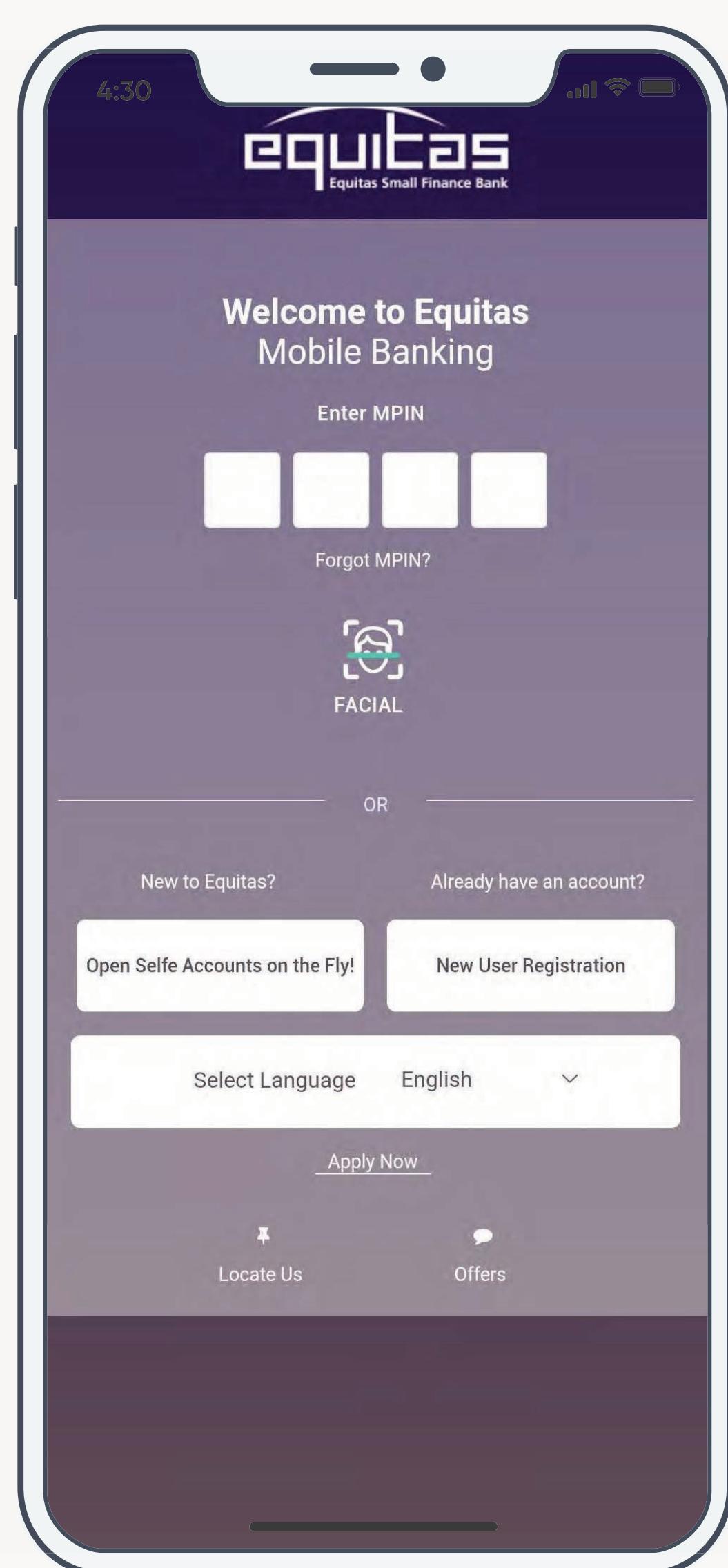
Usability Testings

Usability testing provides valuable insights into how users interact with a product or service, allowing UX designers to make informed decisions and create a more user-centred and intuitive experience. It helps identify usability issues early in the design process, reducing the risk of costly redesigns and improving overall user satisfaction.

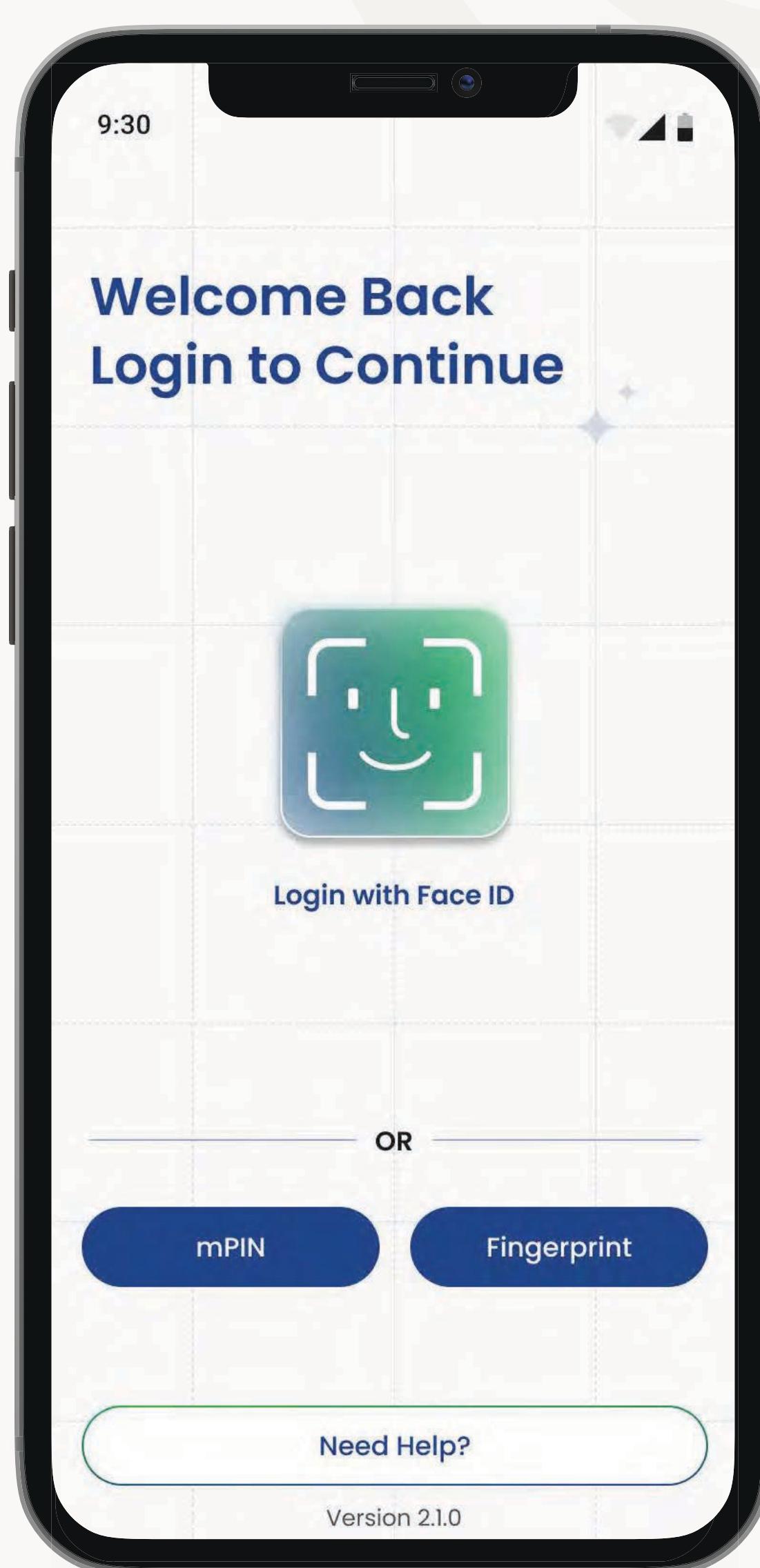
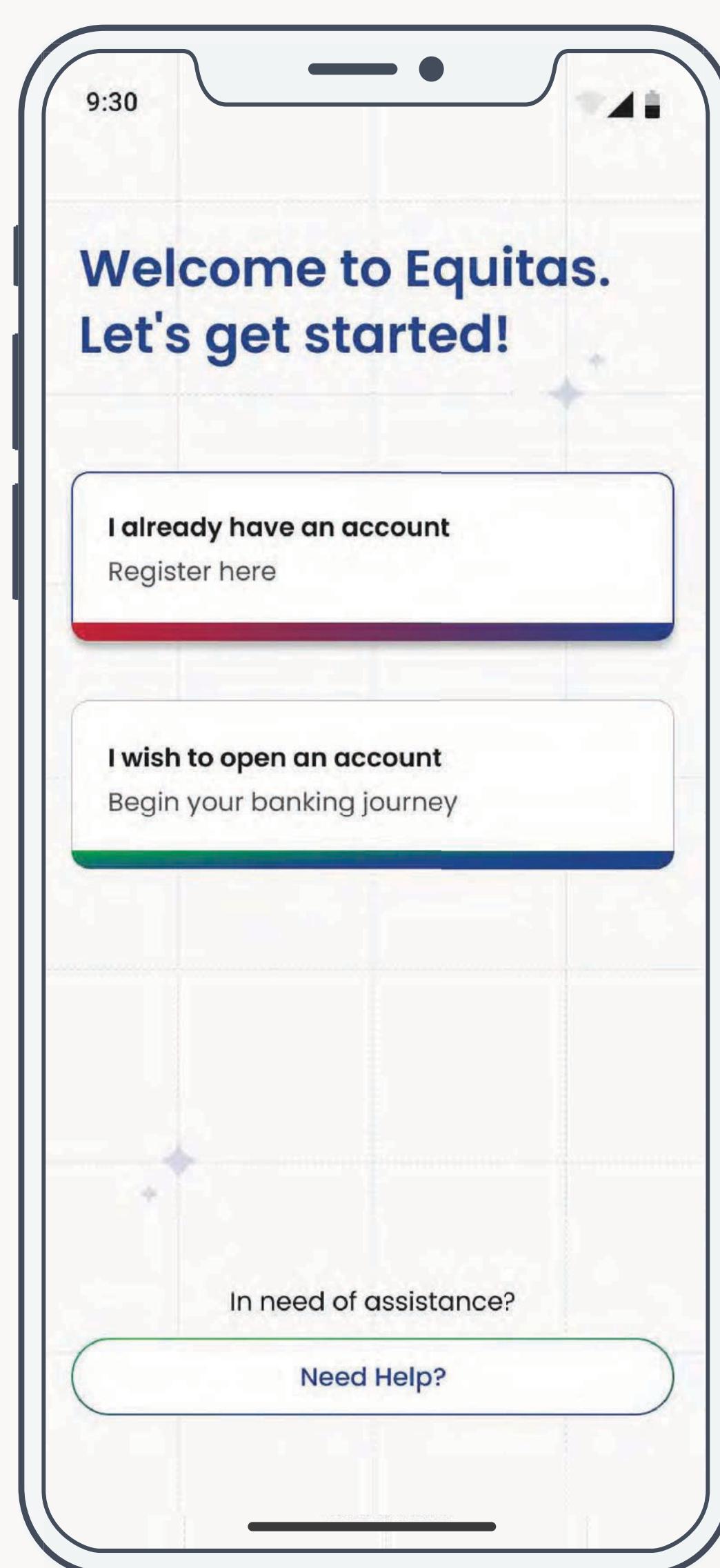
Key Insights

- **Define Testing Objectives:** Clearly define the goals and objectives of the usability testing.
- **Recruit Participants:** Identify and recruit participants who represent your target user base.
- **Prepare Test Materials:** Prepare the necessary materials for the usability test, such as prototypes, wireframes.
- **Conduct the Testing Sessions:** Schedule and conduct the usability testing sessions with the participants.
- **Observe and Take Notes:** As participants navigate through the product or service, observe their interactions, behaviors.
- **Collect User Feedback:** After participants complete the test scenarios, conduct a debriefing session to gather their overall impressions, thoughts, and suggestions.
- **Analyse and Synthesise Findings:** Review the collected data, including observation notes, participant feedback, and any quantitative metrics (if available).

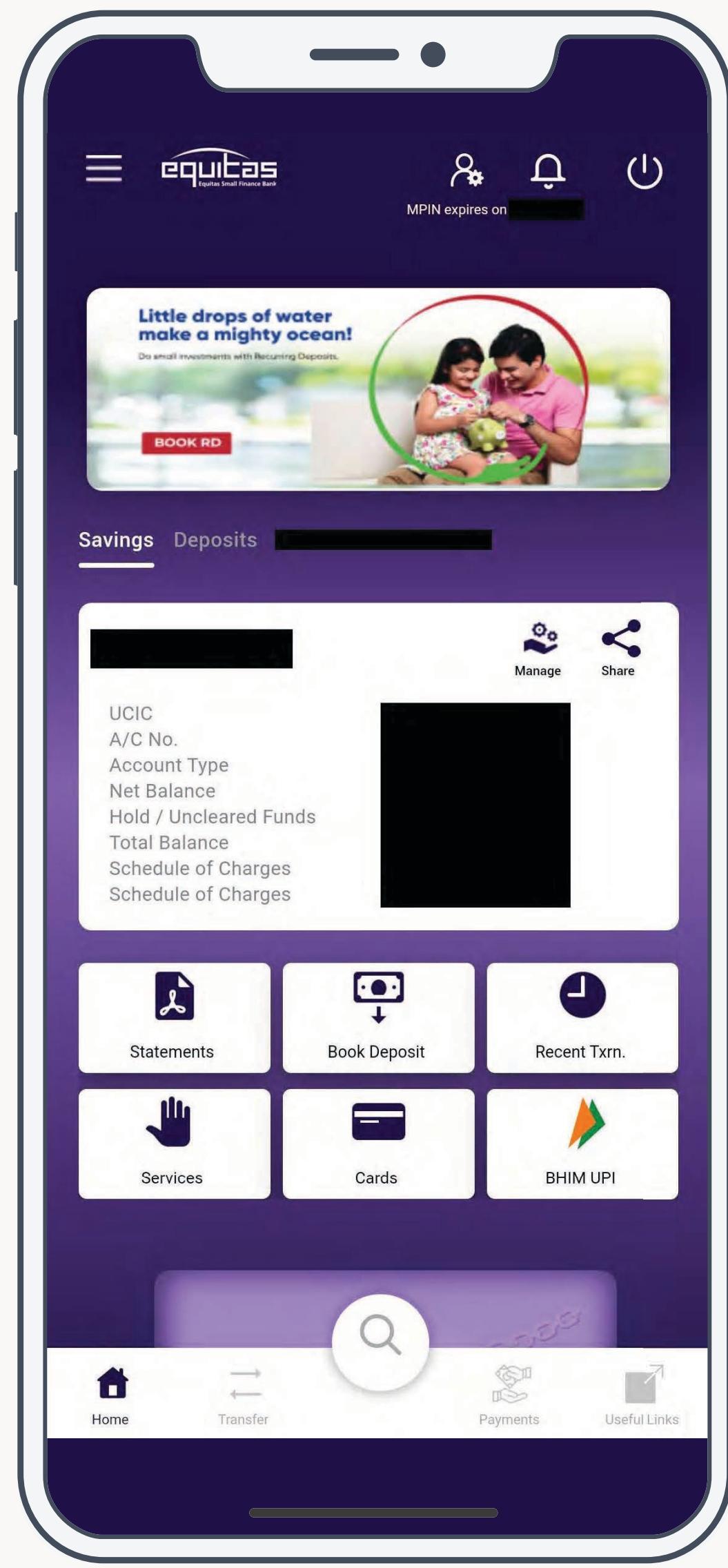
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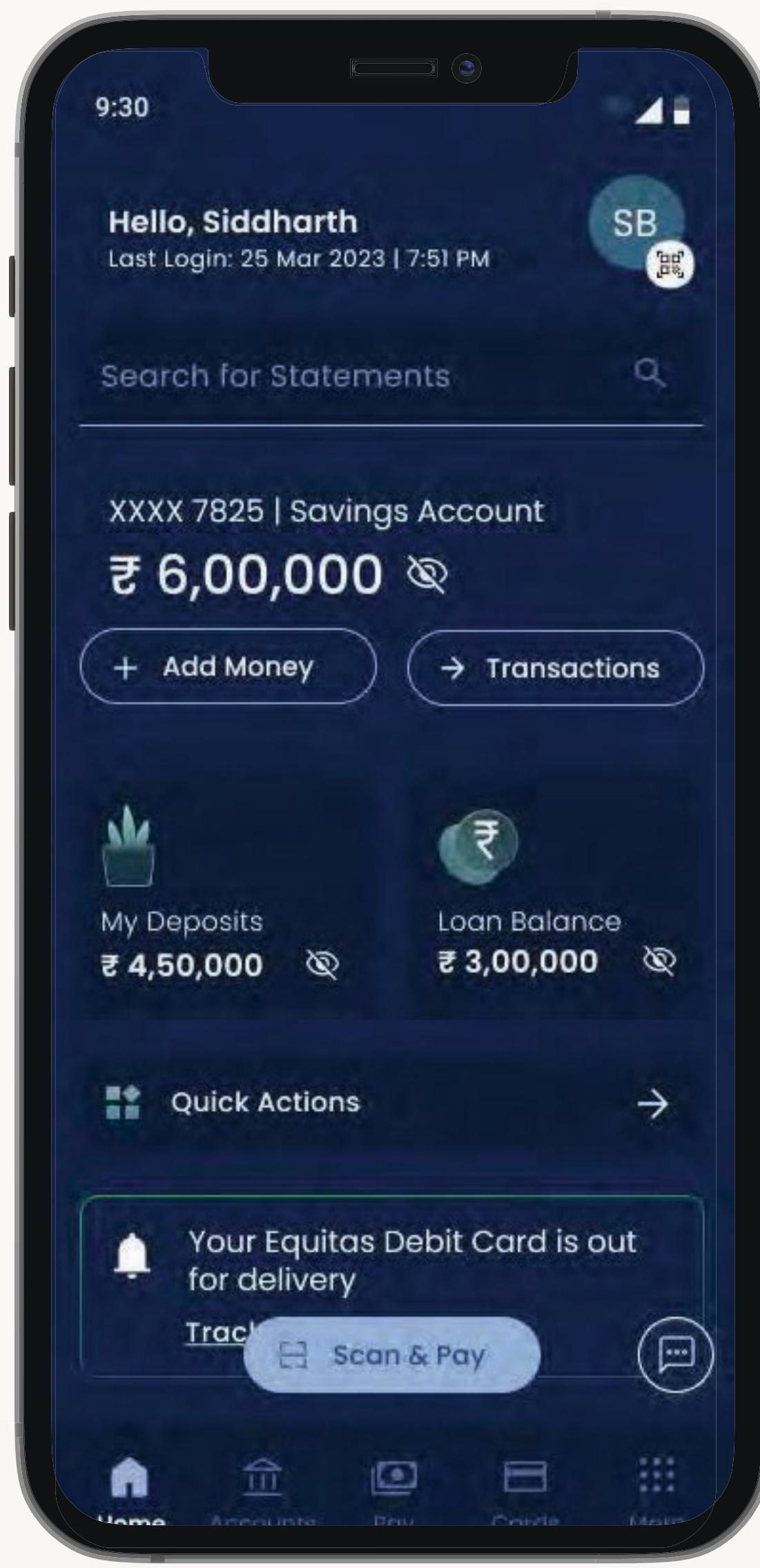
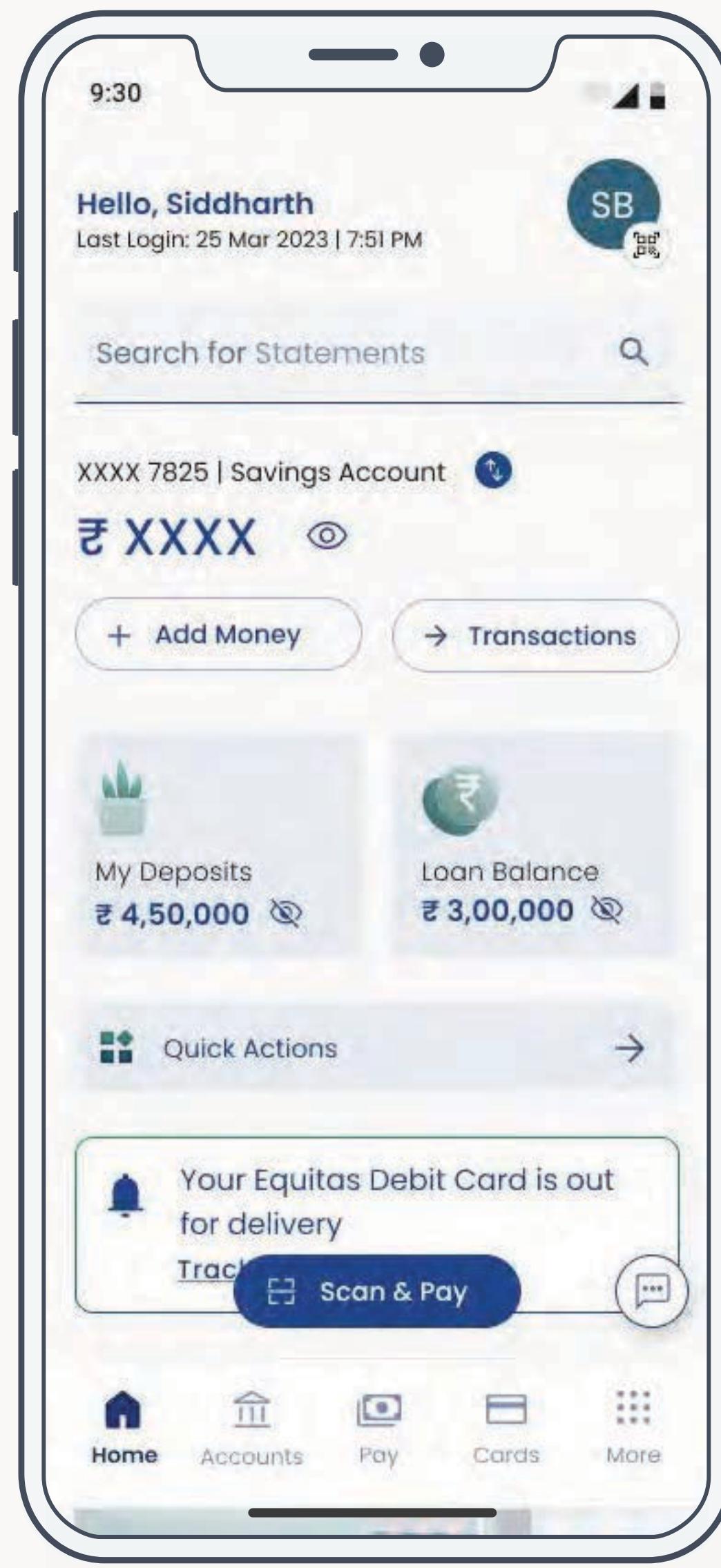
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Before usability study



After usability study

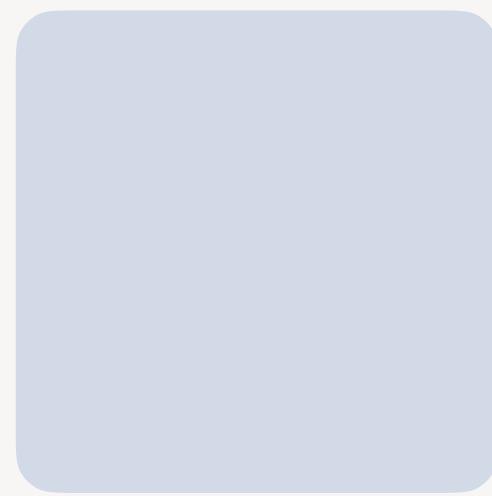


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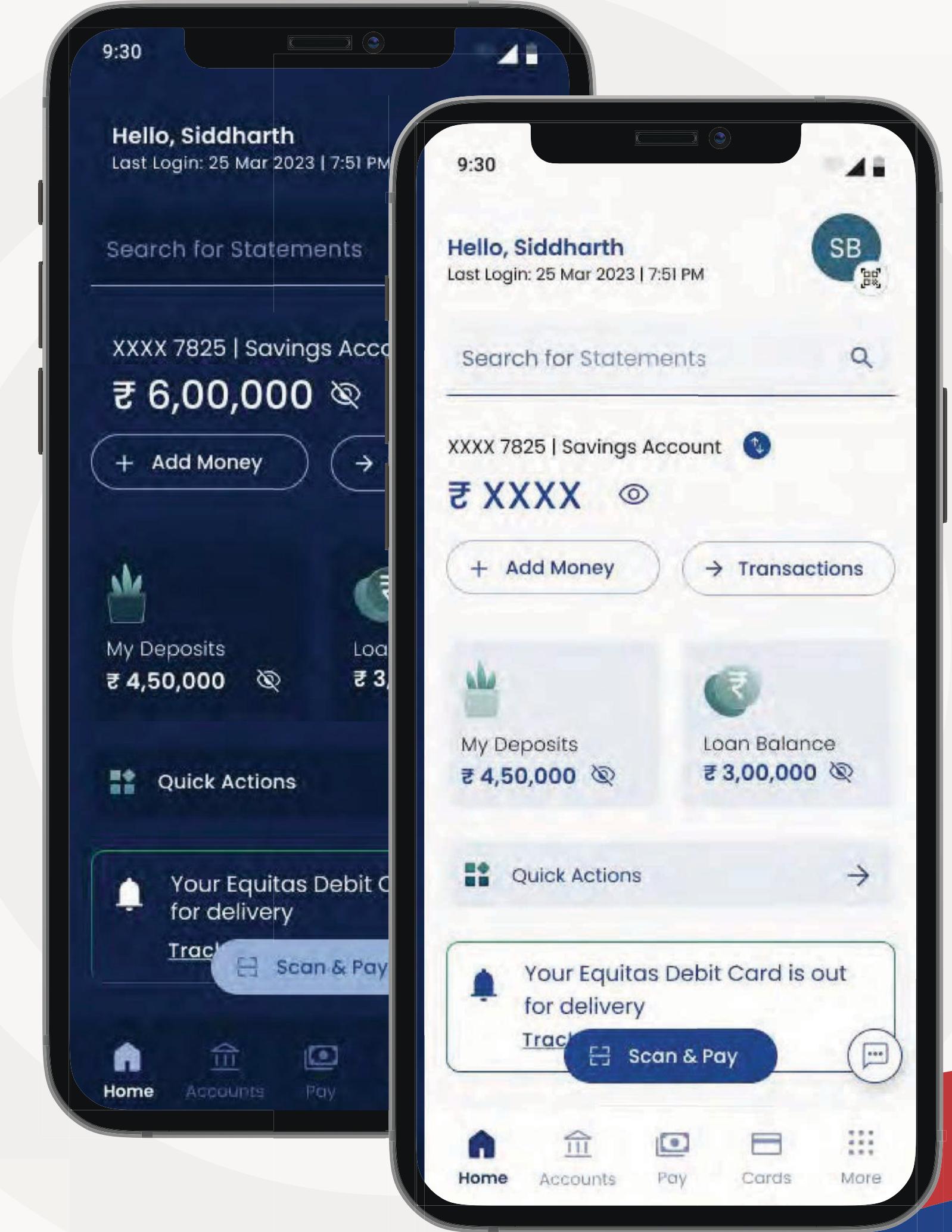
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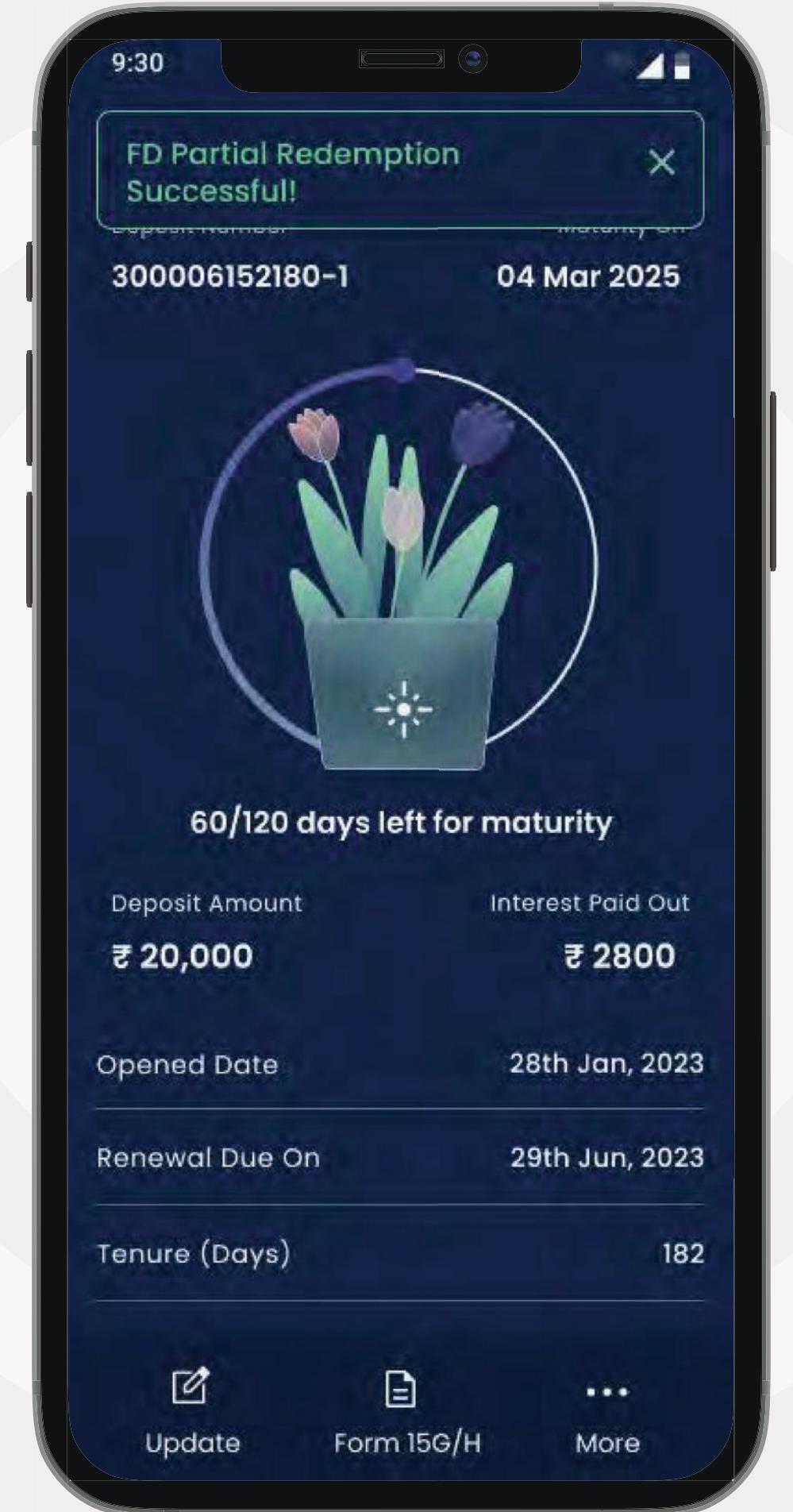
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Impacts



1

Business Objectives

Design impacts business objectives by influencing customer acquisition, conversion rates, and revenue generation.

2

Efficiency and Productivity

Design impacts operational efficiency and productivity within organizations.

3

Emotional Connection and Trust

Design has the power to evoke emotions and establish a sense of trust with users.

4

Innovation and Competitive Advantage

Design-driven innovation can give organizations a competitive advantage by introducing new and unique solutions to meet user needs.

Lessons Learned

As a UX designer, there are several valuable lessons that can be learned throughout your career.

- **User-Centered Design:** Putting the user at the center of the design process is crucial. Understanding user needs, conducting user research, and involving users in testing and feedback loops help create products and experiences that truly meet their needs.
- **Iterative Design:** Design is an iterative process, and it's essential to embrace feedback and iterate on designs based on user insights. Testing early and often allows for continuous improvement and avoids costly design changes later in the process.
- **Collaboration and Communication:** Collaboration with stakeholders, developers, and other team members is key to successful design outcomes. Clear and effective communication helps align expectations, share ideas, and ensure everyone is working towards the same goals.
- **Empathy and Advocacy:** Developing empathy for users and advocating for their needs is crucial. Understanding their pain points, frustrations, and motivations helps create designs that address their specific challenges and provide meaningful solutions.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Being open to change and adaptable in the face of new information or evolving requirements is essential. Designers must be willing to pivot, adjust, and explore alternative solutions based on user feedback and project constraints.
- **Design Documentation:** Creating clear and comprehensive design documentation is important for effective collaboration and handoff with development teams. Documenting design decisions, user flows, and interactions helps ensure a shared understanding and smooth implementation.
- **Continuous Learning:** The field of UX design is ever-evolving, and staying updated with the latest trends, tools, and methodologies is crucial. Continuous learning through reading, attending conferences, participating in workshops, and engaging with the design community helps grow as a designer.
- **Balancing User Needs and Business Goals:** Striking a balance between user needs and business goals is a challenge. Understanding business objectives and finding creative solutions that meet both user and business requirements is a valuable skill for UX designers.
- **Embracing Constraints:** Design often operates within constraints such as budget, time, and technological limitations. Embracing these constraints as opportunities for creativity and innovation can lead to more effective and realistic design solutions.

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