

FM Nirmala Sitharaman, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and AU SFB MD & CEO Sanjay Agarwal attend Rajasthan Yuva Conclave 2026 in Jaipur



Jaipur, August 13, 2026: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister Smt. Diya Kumari, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Shri. V. Srinivas, and Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Founder, Managing Director & CEO, AU Small Finance Bank, attended the Rajasthan Yuva Conclave 2026 at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur.

Organised by the Department of Information Technology & Communication (DoITC), Government of Rajasthan, under the theme **"Connecting Rajasthan to Opportunity – Build. Fund. Grow."**, the conclave brought together policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors and industry leaders to discuss entrepreneurship, innovation, access to finance and opportunities for Rajasthan's youth.

A key focus of the conclave was strengthening Rajasthan's startup ecosystem through initiatives such as Startup Samvaad, enabling direct dialogue between founders and policymakers, and Rajasthan Startup Quest 2026, an ideathon spanning 41 districts and 400 blocks to identify and nurture innovative ideas across the state.

The conclave also highlighted initiatives aimed at improving the ease of doing business, promoting digital innovation and enhancing access to finance through programmes such as iStart, STPI Facilitation Desks, Rajeevika, Mahila Nidhi and PM SVANidhi. Discussions also focused on building future-ready skills and supporting inclusive entrepreneurship, particularly among women and rural communities.

The event witnessed participation from 500+ startups and entrepreneurs, 25+ venture capital firms and investors, and 50+ industry leaders, creating opportunities for young founders to connect with investors, mentors, industry experts and government stakeholders.

The Rajasthan Yuva Conclave 2026 reinforced Rajasthan's vision of fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation by bringing together government, industry, investors and financial institutions on a common platform.

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