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AU Bano Champion 6th Village Level Tournament concludes with 29,000 athletes competing across 66 locations in Rajasthan



- **Two-day sports tournament held on 1–2 August 2026 across 66 locations spanning 15 districts of Rajasthan, including Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Alwar, Tonk, Pali, Jalore and Dausa**
- **The tournament saw athletes aged 8–17 years compete in Athletics, Football, Volleyball, Boxing, Wushu, Kabaddi and other locally preferred sports**
- **Winners qualify for District Level Championships and progress to State Level Tournaments under the Bano Champion pathway**

Jaipur, 3 August 2026: AU Foundation, the CSR arm of AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest Small Finance Bank and the first in over a decade to receive *in-principle* approval to transition into a Universal Bank, today announced the successful conclusion of the **6th edition of the AU Bano Champion Village Level Sports Tournament**, held on 1-2nd August 2026 across more than 66 locations in Rajasthan.

Building on the success of the previous five editions, this year's tournament brought together 29,000 young athletes from rural and semi-urban communities, making it one of the largest grassroots sporting initiatives in the state.

Conducted in an Open Championship format, the tournament welcomed participation from aspiring athletes aged 8 –17 years from local communities, extending well beyond the initiative's regular training centres. Opening ceremonies were held simultaneously across all tournament locations in the presence of local Sarpanches, MLAs, Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), school principals and AU SFB branch teams, reinforcing strong community ownership of the initiative.

Participants competed in **Athletics, Football, Volleyball, Boxing, Wushu and Kabaddi**, Kho Kho, ensuring broad outreach across rural geographies. The tournament also serves as a key talent-identification platform, helping discover promising athletes for induction into structured training programmes under the Bano Champion initiative.

Winners will now qualify for the District Level Tournament and subsequently progress to the State Level Tournaments. Participants were felicitated with medals, certificates, mementos

About AU Foundation - CSR arm of AU Small Finance Bank

From its roots in Rajasthan to a growing national footprint, AU Foundation has remained committed to building resilient and self-reliant communities, an approach shaped deeply by the vision and stewardship of Sanjay Agarwal, Founder, MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB). His leadership anchors the Foundation in AU's "Forever Bank" philosophy, ensuring that community interventions create lifelong impact rather than momentary support.

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As the CSR arm of AU SFB, India's largest Small Finance Bank, now holding the RBI's in-principle approval to transition into a Universal Bank, the Foundation operates with the conviction that a bank is not merely a participant but a co-author in Bharat's growth story. Under Sanjay Agarwal's thought leadership, AU Foundation blends financial discipline, innovation and empathy into programmes that are scalable and sustainable, aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Under his guidance, AU Foundation continues to strengthen communities at scale through grassroots development, consistently translating vision into value and intent into impact – one livelihood, one athlete, one entrepreneur and one village at a time. AU Foundation's impact spans a holistic portfolio of flagship programmes: AU Ignite, which has trained 36,000+ youth and enabled 26,000+ placements; AU Bano Champion, supporting 6,000+ athletes with 2,300+ medals; AU Udyogini, empowering 5,900+ women entrepreneurs; and AU Kartavya, advancing community development across healthcare, education, environment, water conservation and road safety.

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