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AU Small Finance Bank Supports Home-Based Palliative Care Programme for Cancer Patients in Sundargarh, Odisha

In association with Amrit Dhara Palliative Care Trust; the 12-month project aims to provide home-based palliative care support to terminally ill cancer patients in a mining-affected district.

Sundargarh, Odisha, 21st May 2026 : AU Foundation, the CSR arm of AU Small Finance Bank, 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 formalised its commitment to expanding access to compassionate healthcare in underserved India by **associating with Amrit Dhara Palliative Care Trust, Bhubhaneswar** for initiating a **12-month home-based palliative care support project in Sundargarh district, Odisha.**

The mining legacy of the district has left deep economic and health inequities in its wake. Through this project, the AU Foundation aims to address critical healthcare gaps in the region by deploying a team of trained healthcare workers to conduct regular home visits, deliver pain and symptom management, provide psychological counselling to patients and their families, and build lasting community capacity through healthcare worker training.

Sundargarh is home to major industrial and mining operations and carries a significant burden of occupational and environmental health challenges. For families of terminally ill cancer patients in this region, the lack of trained palliative care professionals, along with the prohibitive cost of institutional care, has long meant that patients spend their final months without adequate pain management, psychological support, or caregiver guidance.

The initiative is a reflection of AU Foundation's broader resolve to translate its 'Forever Bank' philosophy into lasting, on-ground social impact.

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. His leadership anchors the Foundation in AU's "Forever Bank" philosophy, ensuring that community interventions create lifelong impact rather than momentary support. As the CSR arm of AU Small Finance Bank—India's largest Small Finance Bank, now holding the RBIs 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). For Sanjay Agarwal, CSR is merely not an added responsibility but an accountability to design interventions that outlast funding cycles, outgrow geographies and outperform expectations on inclusion and dignity. Anchored in

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transparent processes, meaningful stakeholder engagement and impact oriented, the foundation ensures that every effort compounds into durable social capital.

Under his guidance, the AU Foundation continues to strengthen communities at scale, through grassroots developments, 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 1,570+ 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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