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Rajasthan's Khushboo Gill Breaks Own Record, Wins Gold at National Para Athletics



Gill sets a new national level benchmark in shot put with a powerhouse throw of 11.58 metres

Jaipur, Rajasthan | March 24, 2026: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest Small Finance Bank and the first SFB to receive the RBI's in-principle approval to transition into a Universal Bank, has added another milestone to its strategic sports initiative, AU Bano Champion. The program designed to nurture sporting talent at grassroots among underprivileged kids and youth has produced over 60 national-level athletes. In its recent achievements, Khushboo Gill, a para-athlete from Rajasthan, has delivered a record-breaking performance in a national championship. Representing AU Bano Champion, Gill clinched the Gold Medal in shot put at the 24th National Para Athletics Championship in Bhubaneswar, with a powerful throw of 11.58 metres, surpassing her own national record and setting a new benchmark.

The championship, held from March 17–21 at Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium, witnessed participation from more than 1,460 para-athletes from across the country. Over the years Khushboo has consistently risen above financial constraints to establish herself as a formidable para-athlete. Her latest triumph adds to a growing list of



achievements, including a **Gold at the 2nd Khelo India Games (2025)** and a **Silver at the Delhi World Para Athletics Grand Prix (2025)**.

AU Small Finance Bank has been supporting Khushboo's journey under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative-Bano Champion. This support covers her specialized sports training, high-performance equipment, and comprehensive dietary expenses, ensuring she has the resources to compete at the highest level.

Khushboo's journey is a testament to resilience. With this record-breaking feat, she continues her ascent as one of India's most disciplined and promising para-athletes, with her sights now set on upcoming international platforms.

About 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 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 33,700+ youth and enabled 23,900 placements; AU Bano Champion, supporting 6,000+ athletes with 1,570+ medals; AU Udyogini, empowering 5,500+ women entrepreneurs; and AU Kartavya, advancing community development across healthcare, education, environment, water conservation and road safety.

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