

Khushboo Gill, Supported by AU Small Finance Bank, Wins Bronze at World Para Athletics Grand Prix



AU Bano Champion athlete claims podium finish on the global stage, months after breaking her own national record to win Gold at the 24th National Para Athletics Championship

Jaipur, Rajasthan / Mumbai, Maharashtra | July 10, 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, took pride in celebrating Khushboo Gill, a para-athlete supported under its CSR strategic initiative AU Bano Champion, who won Bronze medal in shot put at the Olomouc 2026 World Para Athletics Women's Grand Prix, held in [Olomouc, Czech Republic between July 2-4, 2026](#).

AU Small Finance Bank has been supporting Gill's journey for over a year under AU Bano Champion, its CSR initiative for sports development at grassroots. This support is extended towards her training, and comprehensive dietary expenses, enabling her to compete at the highest level. Gill trains under the guidance of Shri Mahaveer Saini, a Dronacharya Awardee.

The Olomouc Grand Prix is the only all-female track and field event on the global para-athletics circuit, and this edition featured over 180 female athletes from 42 nations, competing with the shared goal of increasing women's participation in para sports. Gill's podium finish marks her first international medal on this platform and adds to a season of standout performances.

Earlier this year, Gill had a record-breaking moment at the 24th National Para Athletics Championship in Bhubaneswar, where she clinched the gold medal in shot put with a throw of 11.58 metres, surpassing her own previous national record and setting a new benchmark at the national level.

Key Achievements

Tournament	Year	Achievement
Olomouc 2026 World Para Athletics Women's Grand Prix, Czech Republic	2026	Bronze Medal (Shot Put)
24th National Para Athletics Championship, Bhubaneswar	2026	Gold Medal (National Record - 11.58m)
2nd Khelo India Khelo	2025	Gold Medal
Delhi World Para Athletics Grand Prix	2025	Silver Medal
23rd National Para Athletics Championship	2025	Gold Medal
20th National Para Athletics Championship	2022	Gold Medal

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In addition to the above, Gill has secured multiple gold and silver medals at the state and national level over the years. With this international podium finish, she continues her ascent as one of India's most disciplined and promising para-athletes, with her sights now set on future global platforms.

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 C 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.

As the CSR arm of AU SFB, 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 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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