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AU Foundation Plants 3,000 Trees to Improve Ahmedabad's Green Cover



- The initiative will use the Miyawaki Dense Forest Model to expand urban green cover and biodiversity
- A three-year maintenance programme will support the forest ecosystem's long-term growth

Ahmedabad, 14th October 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 planted 3,000 native trees at Urban Forest-15 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and will maintain them as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability and community development. The plantation drive followed the Miyawaki dense forest model and brought together employees, volunteers, and the implementing NGO team.

The Miyawaki method creates dense plantations of native species that develop into forest-like ecosystems in urban areas. Through this project, AU Foundation seeks to enhance biodiversity, sequester carbon, improve air quality, conserve soil, support groundwater recharge and create a lasting environmental asset for the city.

About GRGVS

GRGVS, established in 1988, has a strong track record in afforestation, with 20+ urban forests under development and a target of 100 lakh trees across Gujarat by 2030. The organisation has planted 5 lakh trees till date and is registered under CSR-1, 12A, 80G and FCRA provisions.

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**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. 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. 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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