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SANJAY AGARWAL APPOINTED AS MD & CEO OF AUSFB

- Final Regulatory Clearance:** The RBI's approval on February 12, 2026, was the final necessary step in the process. It follows a series of internal governance milestones, including the Board of Directors' approval on October 17, 2025.
- Operational Scale-Up:** Under his extended leadership, the bank is targeting massive expansion. As of early 2026, AUSFB has reached a balance sheet size of over ₹1.74 Lakh Crore and serves over 1.25 Crore customers.
- Validation of Governance:** The reappointment is being viewed by market analysts as a "strong validation" of the bank's governance culture.

PNB ANNOUNCES 'SOLDIERATHON 2026' TO HONOUR INDIAN ARMED FORCES

- Objective & Theme:** The marathon is themed "Run with Soldiers, Run for Soldiers" and is dedicated to honoring the Indian Armed Forces. Specifically, it commemorates the success of Operation Sindoora, aiming to bridge the gap between civilians and the military while promoting national pride.
- Event Schedule:** The main event is scheduled for April 5, 2026, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- National Movement:** Envisioned as a nationwide fitness movement, the initiative

is supported by the Fit India Movement.

INDIAN NAVY ASSUMES COMMAND OF COMBINED TASK FORCE 154



- Historic First for India:** This marks the first time the Indian Navy has led a multinational task force under the 47-nation Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). Commodore Milind M. Mokashi, a Shaurya Chakra awardee, formally took over the command from the Italian Navy during a ceremony at CMF Headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.
- Specialized Focus on Training:** Unlike other task forces that focus on active patrols, CTF 154 is specifically dedicated to multinational training and capacity building. It operates on five core pillars: Maritime Domain Awareness, Law of the Sea, Maritime Interdiction, Maritime Rescue and Assistance, and Leadership Development.
- Regional Leadership & Trust:** Taking command reflects the growing global recognition of the Indian Navy's professional expertise. As the "Preferred Security Partner" in the region, India will now lead efforts to enhance the operational readiness of partner nations against common threats.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- $Work = force \times distance$
- $Energy = force \times distance$
- $Speed = distance / time$
- $Velocity = displacement / time$
- $Electric field = electrical force/charge$
- $Force = force/area$
- $Volume = length \times width \times height$

AGNEEVASTHRAA SIGNS MOU WITH INDIAN ARMY

- Supply of Advanced Materials:** The agreement focuses on the custom design and manufacturing of advanced carbon fabrics and composite materials. These materials are critical for "high-stakes" defense applications, offering a superior strength-to-weight ratio compared to traditional steel.
- Enhancing Combat Capabilities:** These lightweight, high-strength textiles will be used to improve protective gear, armor systems, and structural components for defense platforms. The goal is to enhance the mobility and safety of soldiers by providing equipment that is lighter yet more durable in extreme environments.
- Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative:** This MoU is a significant step toward indigenous defense manufacturing. By partnering with Agneevasthraa—which already supplies critical components to ISRO and DRDO—the Indian Army aims to reduce its reliance on expensive foreign imports for strategic materials.

TWO-TIME OLYMPIAN AISHWARY PRATAP SINGH TOMAR SET NEW WORLD RECORD

- **New World Record:** Tomar clinched the gold medal in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event with a world-record score of 362.0. He secured the win in dramatic fashion, firing a near-perfect 10.7 on his final shot to overtake teammate Niraj Kumar by a slim margin of 0.2 points.
- **Indian Podium Sweep:** The event was a dominant display for the host nation. While Tomar took gold, Niraj Kumar (361.8) won silver—his first individual international medal—and Akhil Sheoran (343.5) secured the bronze, completing a clean sweep of the podium for India.
- **Double Gold Performance:** In addition to his individual world record, Tomar teamed up with Niraj Kumar and Akhil Sheoran to win the Team Gold medal with a combined score of 1769, finishing well ahead of Japan and Kazakhstan.

KERALA CM PINARAYI VIJAYAN LAUNCHES 'STHREE SURAKSHA' SCHEME

- **Targeted Financial Support:** The scheme provides a monthly pension of ₹1,000 specifically to unemployed women and trans women who are not currently covered by any other social welfare or service pension. At the launch, the first installment was immediately credited to the bank accounts of over 10.18 lakh beneficiaries.

- **Specific Eligibility Criteria:** To qualify, applicants must be permanent residents of Kerala aged between 35 and 60 years. Crucially, the scheme is aimed at the economically backward, requiring beneficiaries to hold either a Yellow (AAY) or Pink (PHH) ration card.
- **Economic Empowerment & Dignity:** CM Vijayan highlighted that the initiative aims to break the "forced silence" caused by financial dependency. By providing independent income, the state seeks to ensure that women can live with dignity and autonomy.

institution, Dr. Venkatesh has earmarked the entire prize amount to be donated to the Aravind Eye Care System to fund non-profit eye care initiatives for the underserved.

- **Prestigious Global Stage:** The award will be formally presented during the ASCRS Foundation Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. on April 11, 2026. This recognition highlights the "Aravind Model" as a gold standard for sustainable, high-volume humanitarian medicine on the world stage.

VIJAY KUMAR WINS PRESTIGIOUS CA CXO AWARD 2026

- **Award Category & Recognition:** Vijay Kumar Choudhary, who serves as the Executive Director (Finance) at NBCC (India) Limited, received the award in the "CA CXO – For Large Corporate – Services" category. This award recognizes Chartered Accountants who have demonstrated exceptional strategic leadership and financial management in large-scale service sectors.
- **Strategic Impact at NBCC:** The award highlights his pivotal role in steering the financial strategy of NBCC, a premier Government of India enterprise. His leadership has been instrumental in maintaining robust corporate governance standards and driving the company's growth in project management and infrastructure.



- **Recognition of Global Impact:** Dr. Venkatesh, the Chief Medical Officer of Aravind Eye Hospital in Puducherry, was chosen for his decades of work in combating cataract blindness.
- **Philanthropic Contribution:** The award includes a \$100,000 grant (approximately ₹83 Lakh). True to the mission of his

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

World Radio Day 2026: February 13

- **Theme 2026: Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice**