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**STATE TIMES**

# Why Karnataka's Thekkada Bhavani Nanjugunda is queen of Nordic skiing in India

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GULMARG: If there was a prize for the 'Woman of the Khelo India Winter Games 2024' underway in Gulmarg, Thekkada Bhavani Nanjugunda would perhaps walk away with the honours. The Karnataka skier, who is also a mountaineer with decent credentials, completed a hat-trick of gold medals in Nordic skiing at the iconic Gulmarg Golf Course on Saturday.



Gulmarg, Thekkada Bhavani Nanjugunda won the 10 km race on Saturday to cap off a very successful KIWG 2024. She had won the 5 km and the 1.6 km races earlier in the championship and has been solely responsible for Karnataka's fine run in the Games. A slim girl with average height, Bhavani hails from Karnataka where snow is found as abundantly as water in desert. Bhavani happened to visit Kashmir during winter in her childhood. The snow fascinated her, the 28-year-old recalled.

It was through the NCC where she first got the taste of adventure sports. Bhavani says, "After that I joined Jawahar Mountaineering Institute at Pahalgam where the Principal of the institute and instructors encouraged me to learn cross country." She never looked back. For the first

time in 2020, she took part in a cross-country race at Gulmarg. "I learned techniques while watching the Army teams," said Bhavani, adding that the High Altitude Warfare School has been one of her greatest supports. "I continue my training with Army at Gulmarg who are providing me accommodation and other technical facilities," she said, adding, "Throughout the year I do endurance training at home".

"When my friends watch me running everyday, they ask me 'What is the fun about?'. I tell them I am preparing for the Winter Games. They look a bit puzzled. The awareness on winter sports needs to grow," said Bhavani, who aspires to represent India at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan Cortina, Italy. Bhavani has been conducting seminars to motivate youngsters to take up winter sports. "Today we see a lot of change as players from non-snow states are seriously participating in Khelo India Winter Games," said Bhavani. Karnataka skaters dominated the first leg of the KIWG in Ladakh earlier this month.

Bhavani is no stranger to Khelo India Winter Games. On her debut in 2021, she won gold

and bronze in cross-country skiing. Interestingly, Bhavani is the first woman to represent India in a biathlon event. A biathlon event usually combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting!

Bhavani has a few firsts to her name. She trained in New Zealand and in 2019, became the first Indian woman to hold an international ski instructor certificate. She was the first South Indian to represent the country in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2023 in Slovenia. She is the first Indian and only Indian this year to qualify for the 2023 World Championships!

The future can be bright if the government keeps supporting winter sports in India. The Khelo India Winter Games are a step in the right direction and Bhavani feels athletes from Jammu and Kashmir can do much better since snow is at their footsteps.

"The (J&K) girls are lacking awareness. Family support is pivotal and it is important to break away from stereotypes," said Bhavani, who wants more junior level tournaments to raise interest and awareness in winter sports from childhood.

## Surinder Kumar appointed as Vice Chairman of JKPC SC Deptt

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Surinder Kumar on Saturday appointed as Vice Chairman of the JKPC's SC Department. Surinder Kumar expressed sincere gratitude to the AICC leadership and JKPC leadership for this esteemed appointment. He extended special thanks to Karan Bhagat, Chairman of JKPC SC Cell, for bestowing this responsibility upon him.

With this appointment, Surinder Kumar is committed to working diligently towards the welfare and empowerment of the Scheduled Caste community. He vows to stand for the rights and aspirations of the SC population and ensure their voices are heard within the party.

## Power shutdown

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sidhra, Jhajjar kotli, Janipur, Subash Nagar, BB-1, BB-II, Akhnour, Gangval, Gandhi Nagar, Trikuta Nagar, Nanak Nagar, Rail Head complex, University area, City area, D.C Office, Boria (PHE), Sunjwan, Bhatindi, Narwal, Transport Nagar, Channi Himmat and their adjoining areas will remain affected on February 25 from 10 am to 2.30 am.

## DLSA Ganderbal conducts awareness on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANDERBAL: In compliance with plan of action/calendar of activities for the Year-2024 issued by J&K Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today organized an awareness programme on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act)" at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Lar. The programme, organised under the chairmanship of Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Chairman District legal Services Authority, Ganderbal and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Ganderbal was held to sensitize authorities/managements, employees and adolescent groups with the provisions of the said Act. Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, in her address gave a brief introduction on the provisions of the said Act. She said, the purpose of implementing the POSH Act is to prevent and protect the women from sexual harassment being faced by them at the workplace and ensuring a safe working environment for women. Deputy LADC Ganderbal, Sajid Irfan highlighted all important facts under different sections of the Act such as definition of sexual harassment, composition of Internal Complaints Committee, complaint mechanism, steps for conduct of inquiry, report submission by Internal Complaint Committee, etc. He said the POSH Act envisages the setting up of Local and Internal Complaints Committee to hear and redress complaints pertaining to sexual harassment.

Assistant LADC Ganderbal described the duties and the power of the Local & Internal Complaints Committee in a government or public organization. He went on to explain the meaning of 'Sexual Harassment' with the help of case laws and examples.

The programme was attended by Medical Officers, Officers and Officials of DLSA Ganderbal, Tehsil Office Lar & BDO Office Lar, PLVs, Aganwadi Workers, Asha Workers, Women of Self Help Groups and was also virtually attended by the Officers and officials of Tehsil Bandipora, DLSA Bandipora and PLVs of District Bandipora.

## KPPL Edition-4: Kupwara KR, Hustlers Club, Ace CC log wins



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Kupwara Knight Riders, Hustlers Cricket Club and Ace Cricket Club registered convincing victories over their rivals in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Edition-4, being organised by Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organisation (LSEHO) at KC Sports Club here.

Earlier, in the first match, Hustlers Cricket Club thrashed Moon Strikers XI in an easy contest by a big margin of 75 runs. Batting first, Hustlers Cricket Club scored a good total of 169 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process.

Shubham Hangloo top scored with unbeaten 78 runs off 56 balls, studded with 3 fours and 6 sixes, while Rohan Koul contributed brisk 46 runs off 26 balls with 2 fours and 3 sixes.

Deepak took 2 wickets by conceding 34 runs in his 3 overs for Moon Strikers XI.

In reply, Moon Strikers XI bundled out for 94 runs in 18.5

overs, thus lost the match by 75 runs. Bobby Pandita was the only batter to show application, scoring 23 runs off 19 balls with 4 fours.

Sunny Mattoo took 3 wickets for the Hustlers Club, while Rohan Koul bagged 2 wickets.

For his all-round display, Rohan Koul was adjudged as the man of the match.

In the second match, Kupwara Knight Riders defeated Spartans XI in a close contest by 17 runs.

Batting first, Kupwara Knight Riders scored 176 runs in 20 overs, while in reply, Spartans XI scored 151 runs to lose the match by a narrow margin of 17 runs.

Ashish Bhat of Kupwara Knight Riders was adjudged as the man of the match for capturing 5 wickets.

In yet another match, Ace Cricket Club defeated BNCC by 25 runs.

Batting first, Ace Cricket Club scored 176 runs.

Akshay Koul and Sidharth Bhat scored 35 runs each, while Rohit Koul contributed 26 runs. Bhmesh Bhat took 2 wickets for BNCC.

In reply, BNCC managed to score 151 runs to lose the match by 25 runs.

Sagar Pandita top scored with 49 runs while Bhmesh Bhat and Sunil Pandita contributed 29 and 20 runs respectively. Somil Raina, Suraj Koul and Hemant Raina bagged 2 wickets each while Akshay Koul and Rohit Koul claimed one wicket each.

Akshay Koul was declared as the man of the match.

## JKAACL hosts musical evening "Sham E Ghazal"



Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL and others at a event.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages (JKAACL) on Saturday organised a musical evening "Sham E Ghazal" at Abhinav Theatre Jammu featuring presentations by Dr. Kewal Sannotra, a child specialist by profession.

He enthralled the audience present in the auditorium with his captivating voice. He sang the famous poetry of local poets. He was equally supported by Mukti Talwar and Dr Chanchal Sharma with their scintillating performance. The singers were equally supported by Rakesh Jasotra on flute Vicky Gill on synthesizer, Sanjay Pashi on guitar and Vijay Anand on tabla.

Earlier, Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL in his welcome address said that the Academy has reached to every nook and corner of Jammu in search of talent and were given template form to showcase their talent. Principal Secretary Culture Department Suresh Gupta, shared the Presidium as chief guest. He expressed that Academy is doing commendable work in the field of art and culture.

The distinguish personalities present in the Auditorium included Khalid Hussain, Seema Anil Sehgal, Anil Sehgal, Aslam Qureshi, Khurshid Kazmi and others.- Dr Shahnawaz Editor Cum Culture officer JKAACL presented vote of thanks.

## Admin comes to rescue of KP living alone in dilapidated house in Kulgam

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The district administration in Kulgam on Saturday came to the rescue of a Kashmiri Pandit living alone in a dilapidated house after a video highlighted his living condition went viral on social media.

The plight of Pyare Lal, a Kashmiri Pandit living in Aamno village of south Kashmir district, was highlighted in a video which was posted on X by National Conference leader Umesh Talashi.

The video showed the Kashmiri Pandit living in a dilapidated house under unhygienic condition.

Lal has been living at the house alone after most members of his community left the valley in the wake of the outbreak of militancy.

His neighbours from the majority Muslim community tend to his food and some other needs.

"An elderly Kashmiri Pandit namely Pyare Lal is enduring harsh living conditions in village Aamno, Kulgam. Immediate intervention needed to ensure his well-being," Talashi posted on X.

Reacting to the video, Kulgam Deputy Commissioner Athar Aamir Khan said the district administration will look after Lal's day to day affairs.

Khan visited Lal's residence on Saturday.

"I visited him today. We have made proper arrangements for him at our Senior Citizen Home but he didn't want to move out despite our insistence. He doesn't want to shift to any other place. So we are making arrangements at his home as well," Khan said on X. The deputy commissioner said the house needs repairs which would be undertaken.

"His health checkup was also done. Doctor will also visit him regularly. Cleanliness and sanitation is being done. Ration, bedding, blankets etc. have been arranged. Our District Social Welfare Officer will be looking after his day to day care," he said.

# UDAAN 2024 culminates at Central University of Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An Annual Cultural Fest UDAAN-2024 being organized by the Office of Dean Students' Welfare Central University of Jammu (CUJ) with the theme "Hamari Sanskriti Hamara Gourav" culminated on Saturday.



Rupesh, Prant Pracharak (Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh) after inaugurating UDAAN Fest at CUJ.

Around 1200 registrations of students have been made under different clubs of this fest. Various events were held under different clubs like Debating club, Dramatics club, Dance club, Music club, Creative writing, Quizzing, Fashion club, Poetry club and Fine Arts club as part of the fest. The three-day Udaan-2024 fest was inaugurated by Rupesh, Prant Pracharak (Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh) on February 21. The event was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The event received the full support of Jammu Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and its valedictory function was graced by the presence of Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, JKAACL as the Special Guest of Honour. Other guests present were Dr. Shahnawaz (Editor cum Cultural officer),

Bhupinder Singh (Incharge Programme). The artists from Academy thrilled the students with their performances/

The event came alive with the power-packed singing performances by Dr. Chanchal Sharma (Dogri and Punjabi folk singer), followed by Dr. Jasmeet Kaur (Singer & HOD Music, GCW Parade).

Thereafter, the Ghazal Singer Dharmesh Nargotra (Ghazal singer) enthralled the audience while Deepak Kumar added more grace to it by performing old hit songs of Kishore Da.

The fest hosted a gala ceremony with the dazzling fashion show, mesmerizing dance performances, and soul-stirring singing displayed by artist and students of Central University Jammu.

Bharat Manhas emphasized the crucial need to equip students with knowledge and skills, highlighting that the ultimate goal of education is to cultivate skills and values among the individuals for a better society.

He also urged the students to get in touch with their cultural roots and appreciate the diversity that lies in it. He also highlighted the need of preserving the same for the next generation.

The Valedictory session was further followed by prize distribution session.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dean Student's Welfare Prof. Ritu Bakshi.

## J&K Dermatology Society honored as Best Small Branch in India



Dr. Cheena Langer, President of IADVL, and Dr. Arti Sakral, General Secretary of IADVL receiving awards.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a momentous celebration of excellence within dermatology services, the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists (IADVL) declared the Jammu and Kashmir branch as the recipient of the Best Small Branch Award for the year 2023. This acknowledgment was unveiled on the occasion of the Dermacon, the annual national conference of IADVL at Hyderabad, recognizing the

branch's outstanding commitment to advancing dermatological care and education in the region. The award was received by Dr. Cheena Langer, President of IADVL, and Dr. Arti Sakral, General Secretary of IADVL, in recognition of the tireless efforts and dedication exhibited by the members of the Jammu and Kashmir branch.

The judging panel, featuring esteemed experts such as Dr. Dinesh Kumar Devraj, Dr. P. Narasimha Rao, Dr. Shyamanta Barua, and meticulously evaluated the submissions and unanimously selected the Jammu and Kashmir branch as the deserving winner in the Best Small Branch category.

This accolade underscores the exemplary performance of the Jammu and Kashmir branch in providing quality dermatological services to the community.

The awards ceremony, held on Saturday, served as a platform to celebrate and honor the unwavering dedication and contributions of the branch in advancing dermatological care and education in the region.

Dr. Vijay Zavar, President of IADVL, and Dr. Dinesh Kumar Devraj, Secretary-General of IADVL, extended their congratulations to Dr. Cheena Langer, Dr. Arti Sakral, and all the members of the Jammu and Kashmir branch for their remarkable achievement.

## Vikramjit Singh convenes public outreach camp at Pulwama

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PULWAMA: In an to engage with the local community and address their concerns, Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce (I&C), Vikramjit Singh, on Saturday convened an extensive public outreach camp here to assess and address public grievances besides taking stock of development activities in the district.



Commissioner Secretary I&C, Vikramjit Singh distributing felicitation certificate.

The event provided a platform for the residents to voice their issues, grievances and seek solution from the government authorities.

The people and the PRI representatives projected various issues concerning socio-economic development of their respective areas with emphasis on infrastructure and basic public services.

During the programme, Vikramjit Singh listened to the problems and challenges being faced by the general public while assuring them timely redressal of the same. He also sought feedback from the participants regarding the status of implementation of various Centre and Ut

sponsored welfare and development programmes.

The Commissioner Secretary had an interactive session with the attendees facilitating a direct dialogue between the government representative and the local residents, fostering transparency, accountability and community participation in governance. He encouraged constructive feedback and suggestions from the attendees, emphasizing the importance of collabora-

collective progress and welfare.

Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary inspected stalls set up by various departments and assessed the progress made under different schemes, focusing on achieving the predetermined targets. He enquired about the status of saturation level achieved under various government schemes.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary distributed felicitation certificates, sanction letters among the selected beneficiaries under various centrally sponsored schemes. These schemes are aimed at empowering marginalized communities, promoting entrepreneurship and enhancing skill development.

DDC Chairperson also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, elaborately explained the status of development works being executed in the district besides highlighting progress achieved under various government schemes.