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J&K's Rs 1,18,500...

Next year around 3 lakh will be covered under all the self-employment schemes.

In 2018-19, 9228 works have been completed while 12637 works have been completed in 2019-20; in 2020-21, 21943 have been completed and In 2021-22, 50627 works have been completed and this year we expect 70,000 works to be completed. This is the paradigm shift in the pace of development in J&K over the last three to four years.

The road construction has nearly doubled to 3200 kilometres against 1500-1600 Km in 2018.

E-office is being extended in all offices in Jammu and Kashmir apart from creation of online census management system; intelligent ticketing management system by JKRTC; creation of e-invoice system of GST; GST Data Triangulation and transition of GST IN into GST PRIME; Linking of e-way bill to FASTag and VAHAN; creation of single unique helpline in J&K and E-bill system on PWOMAS is to be extended to other Department.

In the agriculture and allied sectors, Rs 3156 crore have been allocated while a holistic Agriculture Development plan is to be rolled out, with 29 proposed projects at an outlay of Rs 5012 crore over a period of next 5-years under the Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Mission; additional job opportunities to 2,87,910 people in agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors while 18,861 new business enterprises will be created over the period of next five years.

Further 67000 Metric Ton CA Storage Capacity is to be created; honey production will be tripled over next 5 years; trout and carp production to be doubled over the next five years; milk production to reach 45 Lakh MTs from 25 Lakh MTs over next five years while support for development of High Density Nurseries for Private and Public entities is envisaged.

Under Health and Wellness- Rs 2094 crore have been allocated.

Full implementation of Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) norms will cover infrastructure deficit under Health Sector; reinforce Anaemia MukT J&K, 100 per cent screening of Non Communicable Diseases; Health screening at Panchayat level; 100% screening of school children; Tribal ASHAs and Mobile Medical Units for Tribal Areas; Establishment of 25 Urban health & Wellness Centres and 57 Block Public Units

In Rural and Urban Development sector Rs 7097 crore allocated for implementation of various schemes including Aspirational Panchayat Development programme and Aspirational Town Development programme.

Under Swachh Gaon Aur Swachh Shahr; all the villages and ULBs will be declared Open Defecation Free plus status (ODF plus); 2420 Amrit Sarovars already completed, remaining to be completed by 15th August, 202; 10,000 further SHGs to be formed; 1500 new Panchayat Ghars to be constructed under "Har Panchayat-Panchayat Ghar" initiative; 40,000 new houses for houseless families under PMAY-G; 18934 dwelling units to be completed under PMAY-U; new 87,350 IHHLs and 2500 CSCs to be constructed; Sewage Management of Dal Lake to be accomplished; 89.83 MLD STPs to be installed benefitting 6, 20,565 people; Rs 1313 crore provided for PRIs and ULBs; Rs 271.25 crore for DDCs/BDCs; elevated light Metro Rail in Capital Cities of Jammu and Kashmir to be rolled out; new Townships and Housing Colonies to be established for economically weaker sections /low income group/Middle Income group at Jammu and Srinagar; establishment of Ladies HAAT and Ladies Exclusive Markets in Jammu, Srinagar and other Major Towns; Creation of EKTA Malls; promotion of circular economy; scheme for disposal of electronic waste and Rs 50 crore envisaged under Samridh Seema Yojina for development of Border Areas

Rs 1522 crore have been allocated for the Education Sector for full implementation of National Education Policy (NEP); 2000 Kindergarten are proposed to be established during 2023-24 for providing quality pre-primary education; Samarth "ERP eGov Suite", will be fully implemented in 2023-24; drinking water facility and gender based toilet facility in all the Schools; Yoga Training for all the students to be introduced as part of co-curricular activities; 188 virtual reality labs and 40 robotic labs to be established; 10 residential schools to be established with preference to tribal students and students from weaker sections; 1000 smart class rooms with LCD and high speed internet connectivity to be established.

An outlay of Rs 742 crore has been allocated for the industrial sector which envisages setting up of 29 new projects for development of industrial estates during 2023-24; quality certification with branding under Handloom and Handicraft sector; setting up of Medicities in Jammu and Srinagar; 1500 Units to be covered under J&K REGP with employment to 9000 persons; one district one product to be promoted and Districts to be developed as fulcrum of export; tie-up of MSMEs with E-Commerce Platforms; MSME Policy to be notified; reducing compliances on "Ease of Living" and "Ease of Doing Business"; full implementation of Gati Shakti; creation of export hubs and QR Code and GI tag of handloom and Handicraft products to be promoted.

Under Employment and Skill Mission, Rs 200 crore allocated for Mission Youth and Rs 133 crore for Self Employment and Skill. While vacant posts would be filled on fast track basis; target to cover 3 lakh youth under various self-employment schemes in 2023-24; creation of Skill Hubs; skill loans from J&K Bank for aspiring candidates; up skilling of Youth through Youth Clubs; training workshop on wheels to be introduced besides establishment of six model career centres.

Over Rs 4000 crore have been allocated for road connectivity; 6000 Kilometers of black-topping of road length targeted for 2023-24; 353 new projects under NABARD; completion of 60 new bridges; passing Bays at all major roads; key roads to be developed as part of G20 summit meetings; safety audit of bridges having completed in 10 years besides road to every village to be ensured.

Under water to every household programme, Rs 5500 crore allocated for 2023-24. All 18.36 Lakh households of Jammu and Kashmir to have Functional Household Tap connections by 2023-24 under JJM; Tawi Barrage to be completed in 2023-24; 60 water supply schemes to be completed; implementation of Jehlum Flood Management Part B; desilting of irrigation canals with timelines and online billing for water consumers on monthly basis

Under Power Sector, Rs 1965 crore have been allocated; 100 per cent consumer metering envisaged by 2024-25; capacity addition of 854 MVA at 132 KV level and 1300 MVA at 220 KV level; addition of length of HT/LT network by 1324 kms; underground cabling at Nunwan for reliable power supply to Holy Cave of Shri Amarnath Ji; grid connectivity to Gurez and underground cabling for ensuring power supply to Sonamarg in winters; reduction in Transformer Damage rate; power Generation capacity to be doubled in 3 years with more than 3000 MW Capacity addition; construction of 540 MW KWAR HEP to commence in 2023-24.

For Tourism Mission, Rs 447 crore have been allocated, While 75 new destinations, 75 Sufi/religious sites, 75 new cultural/heritage sites and 75 new tracks are being developed for economic gain of tourism industry; promotion of Film Tourism is on the anvil. Preservation and promotion of heritage sites and promotion of traditional and cultural festival; conservation/Development of Sufi/ Religious circuits, heritage site of Shergari complex and old SPS museum to be restored; development of Water Parks at Jammu and Srinagar; Abhinav Theatre at Jammu and Tagore hall at Srinagar to be upgraded; Caravan Tourism to be introduced; water sports activities at Dal, Wular, Mansar and Bhagiyar Dam site and Fort at Samba, Naristan Tral, Hari Parbat at Srinagar and General Zorawar Singh palace at Reasi to be refurbished.

For Sports activities, Rs 145 crore have been allocated; around 70 Lakh youth to participate in different sports activities during 2023-24; high performance centres to be established in Fencing, Wushu and Gymnastics; Cricket, Football, Volley Ball and Wushu academies to be established; Yoga centres at Moulana Azad Stadium Jammu and Bakshi Stadium Srinagar to be established; 25 national events to be hosted in different sports events under "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" Abhiyan; women participation in sports and para athletics to be encouraged.

Under Social Security; Tribal Welfare and Relief/Rehabilitation sector; Rs 1246 crore have been earmarked for Old Age/widow/Disability pension, Rs 245 crore for Ladli Beti scheme and Rs 80 crore for Marriage Assistance scheme and Rs 447 crore for Tribal Development besides scholarship to 1, 24,300 pre-matric students belonging to SC/OBC/EBC and Physically challenged categories; District Disability Rehabilitation Centers (DDRC) to be established in all 20 districts, imparting of training for specially abled persons; creation of Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) - Mahila Shakti Kendras; establishment of GPS enabled women helpline; construction of working women hostels; introduction of buses and pink taxis for women; women only bus drivers and conductors to be introduced; 24 ST and Gujjar / Bakerval hostels to be completed; seven transit accommodations for nomadic population to be established; market linkage and transport facilities to tribal families for the seasonal migration of their goods and cattle; Rs 400 crore provided for construction of transit accommodations for Kashmiri Migrant employees to be provided. Further 1984 transit accommodations to be completed in 2023-24; remaining posts of 355 out 6000 posts under PM Package for Kashmiri Migrants to be filled (Rs 309 crore provided for salaries) while cash assistance and food grains for Kashmiri/ Jammu Migrants to continue (Rs 393 crore allocated)

Under Forestry and Environment sector, Rs 508 crore allocated including CAMPA under which 1.50 crore saplings are targeted to be planted; 4290 Village Panchayats to be covered under "Har Gaon Hariyali" plantation drive; Jambu Zoo will be ready and thrown open shortly; Plastic Free Forests" initiative, as a campaign and PARIVESH 2 to be implemented

For Science and Technology, Rs 110 crore have been allocated. While 9000 solar agriculture pumps will be installed under PM-KUSUM; 80 MW roof top solar power plants will be installed at Jammu and 3 MW at Srinagar; demonstration farms of aromatic and medicinal plants to be established; grid connected roof top solar power plants to be installed in all the Government buildings in a phased manner; construction of Energy Bhawan at Jammu to be completed apart from subsidy scheme for installation of roof top solar power plants in domestic sector.

For Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs sector; Rs 391 crore have been allocat-

ed. While digitisation of store inventory and complete implementation of supply chain management to ensure timely distribution of food grains; implementation of e-rupee in deliverance of Public Distribution System will be ensured

For the Cooperatives, Rs 25 crore have been allocated for restructuring of cooperative banks; digitalisation and compilation of data of all cooperative societies in data base management system; 80 new food processing units to be set up and made functional; establishment of women Led Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Cooperative Societies members to be saturated with Artisan Credit Carls.

For the Police Welfare, Rs 799 crore have been allocated which entails construction of police housing colonies for police personnel; two hostels for wards of Police Martyrs and two hostels for wards of Armed Forces (Ex-servicemen) apart from upgradation of police hospitals and police public schools.

While CCTV Surveillance system will be completed in all police stations and police posts, installation of CCTV cameras with command and control system will be undertaken at public places.

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in a year. There is only some area of specific cities, rest of the houses will have lesser tax," he said. Sinha said the money collected would be spent on fulfilling the aspirations of the people. On corruption, he said action will be initiated against those found involved in graft. "We believe in the rule of law and Constitution," Sinha said.

Replying to questions on the cancellation of recruitment examinations, he said people expressed suspicions on three recruitment tests. "A probe was held by a committee and something was found in it. So we cancelled three examinations. CBI probe was also ordered. The agency which was involved in the examination was withdrawn," he said.

CAG red flags...

compliance audit for the year ended March 31, 2021.

It said the audit, conducted to ascertain the effectiveness of human resource management in the two universities, found deficiencies in manpower planning, appointments, career advancements and entitlements.

"The Universities violated UGC norms for direct appointment of teachers and filled these posts through lateral entry. The mandatory criteria for appointment and career advancement of teachers was diluted," the report said.

"Pre-mature promotions, inadmissible benefit of Career Advancement Scheme, incorrect pay fixations, inadmissible allowances and entitlements, resulted in extra financial burden to the Government exchequer," it added.

The report, which was tabled in Parliament on Tuesday, said the lateral entry to teaching positions from lower technical positions deprived the university of availing the benefits of recruiting meritorious teachers through open advertisements.

"Extension of undue benefits due to excess drawl of pay, allowances and entitlements led to financial strain on the state coffers," it said.

The SKUAST was established on April 1, 1982 by an Act of the Jammu and Kashmir state legislature with the objective of catering to the requirement of agricultural research, education and extension education.

Following an amendment in the Act in 1999, the farm university was bifurcated into two universities namely SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir.

The report said a compliance audit on human resources management covering the period 2016-17 to 2020-21 was conducted to assess whether the Agriculture Universities had complied with guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and statutes of the agriculture universities regarding recruitment of employees, in service career advancements, pension payments and entitlements.

"The audit covering the period 2016-17 to 2020-21 was conducted between August 2021 and February 2022, by a test check of records at the offices of Registrar, deans of various faculties and Comptroller of SKUAST-J and SKUAST-K," CAG said.

Service records of 7391 personnel (30 per cent) of the total persons-in-position (2,462), as on March 2021, were selected on the basis of simple random sampling without replacement, for detailed scrutiny," it added.

In SKUAST-J, the shortfall ranged between 26 and 33 per cent under the teaching category and 19 and 26 per cent under the non-teaching category during the period, it said, adding similarly, the shortage of manpower in SKUAST-K ranged between 22 and 33 per cent under the teaching category and 29 and 32 per cent under non-teaching category during 2016-21.

Whereas SKUAST-J made only seven appointments in respect of the teaching cadre and 59 for the non-teaching cadre, SKUAST-K made 173 and 193 appointments in teaching and non-teaching cadres respectively during the period 2016-21, it said.

The report said the audit noticed that the agriculture universities had neither reviewed recruitment rules since their creation, nor put in place any mechanism for periodic assessment of vacancies, review of sanctioned strength and fixing of time frame within which vacant posts were to be filled which paved way for appointments in excess of sanctioned strength, ad hocism in governance and misutilisation of vacant posts.

As of March 2022, the agriculture universities had not implemented the reservation policy for direct appointment of teachers from reserved categories in accordance with the UGC guidelines of August 2006, it said.

The Universities had also not carried out restructuring of the non-teaching cadre which resulted in avoidable litigations and the continuation of redundant posts. In violation of UGC regulations which stipulated the appointment of Assistant Professors only through direct recruitment, the Agriculture Universities notified (1994, 2012 and 2018) Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for technical posts stipulating the promotion of non-teaching technical employees to teaching positions.

Accordingly, the CAG said the universities irregularly upgraded (between July 1994 and December 2013) 10 senior technical assistants in SKUAST-J and 45 STAs in SKUAST-K, to entry-level UGC pay scales of assistant professors.

In its recommendations to the universities, the CAG called for an urgent review of sanctioned strength to weed out redundant posts and a process for filling up management positions through direct recruitment.

"The universities should adopt UGC regulations in toto and avoid lateral entry of technical cadres to teaching positions to maintain the minimum standards prescribed for appointment of teachers," it said.

"The CAG also urged revisiting the career advancement scheme of teaching positions in consonance with UGC regulations and also suggested the immediate introduction of SAC Part-I and II for ensuring efficiency and quality in the accounts wing," the report added.

Lt Governor greets...

Ram Navami. Dr Mehta in his message said that Ram Navami, the birth day of Lord Ram, celebrated by the people of the nation with deep religious sentiment and fervor: He stated that Lord Ram is worshipped as the epitome of virtues and embodiment of righteousness and morality.

In his message, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that this sacred festival marks the celebration of Lord Ram's life of righteousness and truth.

He added that on this great occasion we all need to spread Lord Ram's noble message of righteous conduct and renew our commitment to his ideals.

Ram Navami Shobha...

or from Hari Market bound for Raghunath Bazar will be diverted to other routes at the time of procession and traffic from City Chowk bound to Kanak Mandi will be diverted to other routes till procession crosses City Chowk.

"During the time of procession there will be some diversions for the vehicles bound for Panjtiirthi/Parade upto J.P Chowk and vice versa," he said adding that during the time of procession no vehicle will be allowed to move towards Pacea Danga via Police Post Chowk Chobutra Lane and towards Moti Bazaar via Rani Park.

"No vehicle will be allowed to move towards Chowk Chabutra from Panjtiirthi Police Post till the culmination of procession," he said adding that no vehicle will be allowed to move towards Chowk Chabutra from Mubarak Mandi complex till the culmination of procession.

"In view of route to be opted by organizers of Shoba Yatra, vehicular movement enroute shall be plugged and remain restricted to ease out the traffic pressure for smooth/hassle free movement of religious procession by the Traffic Police," he added. The authorities have asked commuters to cooperate with the police officers and follow the alternate routes which are available.

SC Collegium recommends...

Justice Atul Sreedharan and to recommend that he be transferred, in the interest of better administration of justice, to the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh," it said. Justice Atul Sreedharan was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on April 7, 2016.

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of the officers/officials concerned and submit a detailed report within one week," it read. Patel was arrested early this month for posing as a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office. He had managed to get Z-category security protocol during his visits to the valley and attended several official meetings.

He had also visited many sensitive areas, including the Line of Control in Uri sector.

Fraudulent IT claims...

of individual Tax payers particularly those who derive income from salaries have claimed excessive deductions under various sections of the Income Tax Act without actually being eligible for such deductions," it stated and added, "Various employees have claimed the refunds of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) made by their respective DDOs, either substantially or fully and it has also been noticed that some employees have

claimed to have paid as much as 50% of their salaries as donation to political parties and claimed deduction under Section 80GGC of the Income Tax Act besides claiming other deductions, leaving hardly any balance out of their salary for meeting household expenses."

"In order to ease the compliance for tax payers, the Income Tax Department does not ask them to upload documents evidencing the deductions under various sections of the Act, as the department trusts the tax payer and the Centre Processing Unit (CPU) process the return of income and issue refunds without asking any questions' details. Returns so filed by the tax payers are analyzed subsequently, by Director General of Income Tax (Systems) and the cases of fraudulent claims/bogus refunds are selected for scrutiny and in that eventuality the tax payer has to pay heavy price that includes levy of tax and penalty upto 200% for making fraudulent claims," reads a circular.

it added, "The Income Tax Department provides a limited window in a shape of ITR-U under section 139(8A) which provides that the tax payers can update their returns of the Income Tax by paying their actual due tax alongwith penalty which is 50 % of the additional tax + interest for Financial Year 2019-20 (AY 2020-21) and 25% for Financial Year 2020-21 (AY 2021-22) if the ITR-U is filed before 31.03.2023. The possibility of future coercive actions under the law can be mitigated through truthful and voluntary tax payment and declaration of the correct income."

Given the short time available for corrections which is March 31, 2023, it is impressed upon all the Administrative Secretaries / Heads of the Department / Drawing and Disbursing Officers of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir to convey to all the employees under their charge to avail the benefit in case they have claimed in correct deduction for refund of TDS.

India-mother of...

and Shared Prosperity' session hosted by President Yoon, he said the idea of elected leaders was a common feature in ancient India long before the rest of the world.

"Our epic Mahabharata describes the first duty of citizens as choosing their own leader. Our sacred vedas speak of political power being exercised by broad-based consultative bodies. There are also many historical evidences of republic states in ancient India where rulers were not hereditary," Modi said.

"India indeed is the mother of democracy. Democracy is not just a structure, it is also a spirit. It is based on the belief that the needs and aspirations of every human being are equally important. That is why in India, our guiding philosophy is 'Sabka saath, sabka vikas', meaning striving together for inclusive growth," he said.

"Whether it is our effort to fight climate change through lifestyle changes, to conserve water through distributed storage or provide clean cooking fuel to everyone, every initiative is powered by collective efforts of citizens of India. During COVID-19, India's response was people-driven," the prime minister added.

It is they who made it possible to administer over 2 billion doses of Made in India vaccines. Modi said the country's vaccine maitri' initiative was also guided by the mantra' of 'vasudeva kutumbakam', meaning 'one earth, one family and one future'.

Govt constitutes TAC...

will be its Members and Puneet Kanth, Senior Consultant, State e-Mission Team (SeMT) will be its Member Secretary.

"The Member-Secretary shall coordinate with all members of the Committee for timely convening of meeting and to ensure timely appraisal/vetting of document," it stated. "The Committee shall provide technical vetting of the DPR and give recommendations regarding the provisions proposed in DPR and it shall also give its recommendation/suggestions on the viability of the proposed solutions in the DPR," the order stated and added, "The Committee shall ensure strict compliance to all rules, procedures/guidelines issued by Government from time to time while vetting the DPR."



SIU files charge-sheet against 5 terrorist associates

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Police in Shopian district on Wednesday filed a charge-sheet against five terrorist associates arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, officials said. They were identified as Aaqib Hussain Nanda and Gowhar Manzoor Bhat, residents of Drabgam in Pulwama, Aasif Lateef of Babapura Zainapora, and Afloq Yousuf Digoo and Umer Hussain Dar of Naina Batpora, Pulwama.

They were part of a conspiracy hatched by terrorist Raqeeb-ul-lah, a resident of Pakistan and linked to proscribed terror outfit LeT, and slain terrorist Uzair Ashraf of Melhora Shopian, a police spokesperson said. Bhat and Nanda were apprehended last year. From their possession, incriminating materials, arms, ammunition and cash were seized, he said. During further investigation, Lateef, Digoo and Dar were arrested, the spokesman said.

Youth assaulted, money snatched

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth was assaulted and his money was snatched in Bari Brahmana area on Wednesday.

According to information, one Sumit Abrol told police in a complaint that he was doing his routine work and when he reached Bari Brahmana area, three people came and attacked him. They snatched his auto-rickshaw and money. He told police that he had sold his auto to Kishore Kumar, but he was not paying bank installments, after which he took auto-rickshaw back. "After that Kishore Kumar came with his son and nephew and assaulted him", victim said. Police said that raids are being conducted to nab accused.

Suspicious death of woman turns out as abetment to suicide case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: The police have now registered a case of abetment to suicide in suspicious death of a woman in Akhnoor. According to information, few days ago, body of one Deepika, wife of Karan Kumar, was found hanging in Badyala Chak area. The police had registered a case of suspicious death at that time. During the investigation, the police found many evidences after which it was found that he was being harassed for a long time. Many allegations were also leveled by parents of the victim, after which police has started the action under abetment to suicide case.

Tehsildar Bahu's trap case handed over to CBI, raids conducted in RS Pura

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: The trap case of Tehsildar Bahu Rohit Khajuria has been handed over to CBI. After taking the case, CBI raided two places in RS Pura so that all the things related to this matter can be considered.

According to the information, Tehsildar Bahu was arrested by ACB while taking bribe after which he was taken into custody and later he got bail. Since then, there was talk of handing over the investigation of the case to the CBI. A recommendation was made by the government to the CBI to take over the case. On Wednesday, CBI registered the case and conducted raids at the houses of Sumendra Singh and Kuldeep Kaur in Nadi area of RS Pura. Sources say that these people were the complainants and many things have came out in this matter. Now the CBI is engaged in investigating the matter at its own level, in which all things will be taken out.

Murder case solved within 72 hours, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday solved a murder case within 72 hours and arrested the accused. As per details, information was received through reliable sources regarding murder of one Rohit Kumar, son of Mela Ram in DPS Lane area under the jurisdiction of Police Post Residency. FIR No. 18/2023 u/s 302 IPC was registered at Police Station City and investigation started. On this, a team of Police Post Residency led by SDPO North Sunil Kumar Kesar assisted by In-Charge SHO Police Station City Mohinder Singh and Incharge Police Post Residency PSI Darshan Singh, put in strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up accused identified as Mohd Ramzan Dar, son of Abdul Ahad Dar, resident of Bawe Wali Gali near Shahidi Chowk Jammu within 72 hours. Subsequently, a special investigation team (SIT) has also been constituted for further investigation.

Biker dies in road accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A biker died after his bike collided with an Alto-800 in Chattargam Nowgam, area of Budgam district on Wednesday. As per the details, the accident occurred in Sudso area of Chattargam where biker identified as Muzafar Ahmed sustained grieves injuries and was shifted to SMHS Hospital for treatment where he succumbed. The son of deceased was also brought to the hospital but he sustained minor injuries and is stable. Police has taken cognizance of the incident and registered a case under relevant sections of law.

