India asks WhatsApp to withdraw changes to privacy policy

NEW DELHI, Jan 19:

The Indian Government has asked WhatsApp to withdraw the recent changes in the privacy policy of the messaging app, saying unilateral changes are unfair and unacceptable.

In a strongly worded letter to WhatsApp CEO Will Cathcart, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said India is home to the largest user base of WhatsApp globally and is one the biggest markets for its services.

The proposed changes to the WhatsApp Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, without giving users an option to opt-out, "raise grave concerns regarding the implications for the choice and autonomy of Indian citizens," it wrote.

The ministry asked WhatsApp to withdraw the proposed changes and reconsider its approach to information privacy, freedom of choice and data security.

WhatsApp had on January 16 delayed the introduction of the new privacy policy after user backlash over sharing of user data and information with the parent company, Facebook Inc.

Stating that Indians should be properly respected, the ministry said, "any unilateral changes to the WhatsApp Terms of Service and Privacy would not be fair and acceptable."

With over 400 million users in India, the changes will have a disproportionate impact on the country's citizens, it said.

It asked WhatsApp to provide details of the services provided by it in India, categories of data collected and permissions and consents sought.

Also, WhatsApp has been asked to explain if it conducts profiling of Indian users on the basis of their usage, as well as explain difference between the privacy policy in India and other countries.

WhatsApp has also been asked to provide policy on data and information security, privacy and encryption.

It has also been asked to detail data sharing with other apps and if it captures information about other apps running on the mobile phones of the user.

Besides, complete technical architecture and server hosting data of Indian users have been asked to be furnished along with details of access to a third party.

The changes "enable WhatsApp, and other Facebook companies, to make invasive and precise inferences about users which may not be reasonably foreseen or expected by users in the ordinary course of assessing these services, the ministry said.

The updated terms would enable WhatsApp to collect "highly invasive and granular metadata" such as time, frequency and duration of interactions, group names, payments and transaction data, online status, location indicators as well as any messages shared by users with business accounts.

"The collection and onward sharing with Facebook companies, of sensitive personal data of individuals portends an ecosystem where any meaningful distinction between companies and WhatsApp will cease to exist," it said.

"This approach has the potential to infringe on core values of data privacy, user choice and autonomy of Indian users," it said.

WhatsApp had earlier this month begun asking its 2 billion users worldwide to accept an update of its privacy policy if they want to keep using the popular messaging app.

The new terms caused an outcry among technology experts, privacy advocates and users and triggered a wave of defections to rival services such as Signal.

In the updated policy, it got a right to share data it collected from WhatsApp users with the broader Facebook network, which includes Instagram, regardless of owning any accounts or profiles there.

Some businesses, as per the new policy, were to use Facebook-owned servers to store messages.

This triggered an outcry regardless of WhatsApp's assertion that all private messages between friends and family members remain end-to-end encrypted. (PTI)

Minor girl killed, 2 injured in accidents

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: A minor girl was killed and two others were injured in road accidents today.

As per police sources, a 2-year-old girl namely Shregal, daughter of Sukhsagar of Chattisgarh, at present Akhnoor was killed after hit by army truck in Malpur area.

After autopsy at GMCH Jammu, the body of the deceased has been handed over to family members for last rites.

Acting swiftly, the driver of the vehicle was arrested.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Kanachack and investigation started.

Meanwhile, two persons identified as Vikas Singh Sambyal (19), son of Surinder Singh Sambyal of Ward Number 11 Samba and Younis Hussain, son of Allah Ditta of Patti Vijaypur were injured between motorcycle and car collision near DC office Samba.

Both the injured have been shifted to District Hospital Samba for treatment.

Samba Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Uprooted & Forlorn hits stands

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: As a tribute to all martyrs, Rohit Tickoo has penned down his thoughts as a memoir to record the series of anti-Hindu pogroms and the circumstances that led to the genocide and forced exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. The memoir is in the form book 'Uprooted & Forlorn- The tale of Kashmiri Pandits in exile' which was launched on the exodus day today on Amazon and notion press.

The book is about the uprooted Kashmiri Pandits who have been driven out from Kashmir by radical Jihadis and intolerant lunatics. The book highlights the concerns and challenges of Kashmiri Pandits in exile. The book deals in the surrounding and circumstances, the genocide and the forced exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. It exposes the cliché which is built around citing the reason for terrorism to culminating denial of democratic aspirations and politics in the Kashmir. The book tries to answer some crude realities of the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits by providing certain facts in the public domain. It reflects the psychosomatic problems and emotional trauma the community experienced in exile and explores the desperation and strength that has allowed the community to survive even after three decades of mass exodus.

NDS organizes e-poetic meet

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Nami Dogri Sanstha organised an "e-Dogri Kavi Goshthi" in which 20 Dogri poets participated and recited their poems.

The poetic meet was planned by Capt Lalit Sharma, Convener NDS , supervised by Advocate Harish Kaila (President NDS) and was compeered by Yash Pal Yash (General Secretary of the Sanstha), who also critically evaluated and commented upon each poetic item read.

Yogaacharya S K Jain, a Hindi and Dogri writer and poet presided over the event. The poets covered varied range if themes like environment, social evils, romance, human relationships, ongoing agitation of farmers and the moral values.

Those who participated in the poetic meet, included B S Jamwal, Tarsem Mahajan, Sudershan Kumari, Arun Sharma Banathia, Ram Paul Dogra, Jatinder Jolly , Kalpana Gupta Rattan, Shambu Ram Pyasa, Neelam Sharma, Randhir Singh Raipuria, Dr Adarsh Malhotra, Kusum Sharma "Antra", Deepak Dutta, Sunaina Kaila, Neelam Verma Mahotra , Dr Vijay Puri, Tawishi Puri Kamdar, Dr Poonam Sharma, Rattan Doshi and Suraj Singh.

Police recovers 52 stolen mobiles

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 19: Kathua Police with the aim to extend public services recovered 52 Android Mobile handsets with a purchase value of Rs 4,83000 approximately for which a missing complaint was registered in various police stations of Kathua district.

SSP Kathua, Shaliendra Mishra handed over these recovered mobile phones to their owners who expressed their gratitude to Kathua police in general and SSP in particular.

'Resolve issues of contractual employees'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Apni Party leader and general secretary of Power Employees Union, Ajaz Kazmi has urged upon the Lieutenant Governor of J&K to resolve the long pending issues of daily wagers, Rehber-e-Khel employees, SPOs and other contractual employees.

He expressed hope that on the occasion of Republic Day the government may fulfil the commitment made with workers and resolve their issue on priority.

Kazmi also said that daily wagers have been on the forefront in fight against COVID-19 and natural disasters like heavy snowfall in the valley so their demands must be fulfilled soon.

Male body recovered

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: A male body has been recovered near Toph Sherkhania area.

As per police sources, body of an unidentified male aged around 55 years was recovered near Toph Sherkhania.

The body has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Jammu for identification.

Bakshi Nagar Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Centre issues Letter of Comfort to Bharat Biotech for 45 lakh doses of Covaxin

HYDERABAD, Jan 19:

Bharat Biotech has secured a fresh Letter of Comfort from the Centre for another 45 lakh doses of its COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin, sources said on Tuesday.

Out of those 45 lakh doses, the city-based vaccine maker will be supplying over eight lakh doses of Covaxin to some of the friendly countries such as Mauritius, Philippines and Myanmar, free of cost as good will gesture.

They also said the company will be dispatching 20 lakh doses of the earlier order in a couple of days, from here.

"The company was given a fresh letter of comfort recently for supplying another 45 lakh doses of Covaxin.

The doses will be dispatched as when the Ministry places orders with the company," sources told PTI.

After having received the government purchase order for 55lakh doses, Bharat Biotechshipped the first batch of vaccines (each vial containing 20 doses) to Gannavaram (Vijayawada), Guwahati, Patna, Delhi, Kurukshetra, Bangalore, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Chennai and Lucknow.

Bharat Biotech has also donated 16.5 Lakh doses to the union government.

Sources further said the supplies from the company depend on the orders being placed by the government.

"This is not like a regular tender where there are timelines to supply goods. The order will be dispatched in bits and pieces.

It is not possible to dispatch all the doses in a single shot due to various reasons. The dispatches depend on the ministry's call," they said.

Every fortnight, the Centre convenes a meeting through video conferencing with vaccine manufacturers and other stakeholders to ensure the proper supply-chain management is in place.

"The doses (over eight lakh) which the company promised to supply to various countries will be monitored through the Ministry of External Affairs," they added.

The Central Licensing Authority has granted permission for the sale or distribution of Covaxin for restricted use in emergency situations in public interest as an abundant precaution, in clinical trial mode.

Covaxin is India's totally indigenous COVID-19 vaccine developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Virology.

The inactivated vaccine is developed and manufactured in Bharat Biotech's BSL-3 (Bio-Safety Level 3) biocontainment facility, one of its kind in the world. (PTI)

Moderate intensity earthquake in parts of J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 19: An earthquake of 3.6 magnitude shook parts of Jammu and Kashmir today night but there were no reports of any damage due to the moderate intensity tremor, officials said.

The earthquake, which had its epicentre in Jammu and Kashmir at a depth of five kilometres, occurred at 9.13 pm, the officials said.

They said the earthquake was felt more in north Kashmir areas where people rushed out of their homes in sub-zero temperatures.

The officials said there were no reports of any damage due to the earthquake.

JMC Councillor, Ritu Choudhary inaugurating Reverse Vending Machine at Shaheedi Chowk in Jammu.

JMC Councillor inaugurates Reverse Vending Machine

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Councillor, Ritu Choudhary today inaugurated Reverse Vending Machine at Shaheedi Chowk in Ward 7 here for managing plastic wastes.

Those who were present on the occasion were Tinna Mahajan, Secretary JMC; X-En, Mohit Mahajan; Residency Bazar Traders Association President, Puja Kapoor and others.

Speaking on the occasion Ritu said that Reverse Vending Machine is a device that accepts used (empty) beverage containers, plastic bottles and returns money.

She further said that JMC is making regular efforts to tackle the problem of plastic wastes under which various drives are being conducted.

The JMC Councillor further informed that more such machines will be installed in the city to tackle the problem of plastic wastes.

She said the problem of plastic waste can only be solved with the cooperation of public and requested the public to avoid single use plastic and use re-useable products.

Blankets, ration, supporting tools distributed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Ramnagar Branch of Senior Citizens Club Udhampur distributed blankets, ration and supporting tools to most deserving and specially abled people drawn from across the Ramnagar Sub Division.

On the occasion, SDM Ramnagar Naresh Kumar presided over the function.

The club also felicitated Pooja Bharti, daughter of renowned Dogril artists Romalo Ram for her selection as Assistant Professor.

While speaking, Shiv Dev Singh and Subash Kudyar, President and Chairman stressed upon the club members to serve neglected and needy segment of the society. They also requested SDM Ramnagar to consider grievances of senior citizens on priority basis.

Among others present were President Senior Citizens Club Udhampur Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, Thakur Dass Simithial General Secretary, Ram Saroop Vice President, Sagar Dev Singh, Sher Singh and Jeevan Kumar Dhiman Advisors, etc.

Ghagwal police seizes 900 gms of heroin, arrests 3 narco smugglers

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Jan 19: In a major breakthrough in its war against drugs, District Police Samba has arrested three narcotics smugglers and recovered 900 grams of heroin (Chitta) at naka NHW Tapyal in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal.

Acting on reliable information regarding transportation of huge consignment of narcotics from Kashmir towards Punjab, a Police team of PS Ghagwal headed by SHO PS Ghagwal under the supervision of Dy. SP Hqrs. Samba laid a strong vehicle checking naka at NHW Tapyal and intercepted one Alto Car bearing Registration Number JK16A-6287 which was coming from Valley and heading toward Punjab side.

During checking of the vehicle, a total 900 grams of heroin (Chitta) was recovered which was concealed tactically to avoid being noticed during search.

The accused persons identified as Muneer Ahmed Khan (driver) S/o Haji Gul Rehman Khan R/o Wayil Wooder-Gotti Bagh, Kangan, Ganderbal along with his two associates Mohammad. Hamid S/o Lal Din R/o Sallan, Hiranagar, Kathua and Abdul Rashid, S/o BarkatUllah R/o RakhSarkar-Sallan, Hiranagar have been arrested on spot and the recovered contraband item was also seized.

In the connection, a case FIR No. 16/2021 under relevant section of NDPS Act registered at PS Ghagwal and further investigation started.

Bovines smuggling bid foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Nagrota Police foiled bovines smuggling bid by rescuing 17 cattle and arresting two smugglers.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Police Station Nagrota laid a naka near Ban Toll Plaza and intercepted a truck bearing registration number JK08F-6295.

During checking, police team rescued 17 bovine animals from the vehicle and arrested two smugglers, who were identified as Liaqat Ali, son of Wazir Mohammad of District Poonch and Razaq Ali, son of Raj Ali of District Reasi.

A case under FIR Number 20/2021 under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Nagrota and investigation started.

Police team led by SHO Nagrota Inspector Mohammad Shoket made the arrest under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Parupkar Singh and SP Rural Jammu Sanjay Sharma.

Girl jumps into Chenab, rescued

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: A 20-year-old girl was saved by the Army and police personnel in a joint operation after she jumped into the Chenab river in Akhnoor in a bid to end her life.

As per police sources, a girl hailing from Talab Tillo area, jumped into the river Chenab in Akhnoor, and was noticed by some Army personnel manning a post nearby.

A joint rescue operation was immediately launched by the Army and police personnel and the girl was pulled out of the river.

She was shifted to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Akhnoor for treatment and was later discharged.

Akhnoor Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Scooty stolen

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: A scooty has been stolen from Krishna Nagar area.

As per police sources, a complaint has been lodged by a man namely Kulbhushan, son of Balak Ram of New Plot, at present Krishna Nagar with Police Station Nowabad regarding theft of his scooty from Krishna Nagar area near Ravi Dass temple.

Acting over the complaint, a case under FIR Number 13/2021 under Section 379 IPC has been registered at Police Station Nowabad and investigation started.

Of those vaccinated, 0.18 pc were adverse events, 0.002 pc had to be hospitalised

NEW DELHI, Jan 19:

Of the total people vaccinated against COVID-19 so far, the Government today said 0.18 per cent were adverse events following immunisation, while 0.002 per cent had to be hospitalised which is fairly low.

Urging healthcare workers not to hesitate to get the COVID-19 vaccine, the Centre said it was their societal responsibility to get inoculated.

Addressing a press conference, NITI Aayog member (Health) V K Paul said concerns about adverse effects and serious problems post immunisation, as of now, seem to be unfounded, negligible and insignificant, and stressed that both the vaccines -- Covishield and Covaxin -- are safe.

It is saddening that healthcare workers, especially doctors and nurses, are declining to take it, Paul said.

"We are not fulfilling our societal responsibility if a vaccine assigned to us is not being taken. The whole world is clamouring for a vaccine. I request you to please accept the jab," he said.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, "As per the data available so far, only 0.18 per cent is the Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) and 0.002 is the percentage of the people who were hospitalised following immunisation. These are fairly low, in fact, lowest so far as we know in the world in the first three days."

He said India recorded the highest number of first-day vaccinations for COVID-19 immunisation.

Bhushan said in India 2,07,229 people were vaccinated on the first day, while in the US 79,458 people were vaccinated, in the UK 19,700 and 73 were vaccinated in France on the first day.

"The important point here is that if we look at the first week figures then the US conducted vaccinations of 5,56,208 people so that number will already cross by day 3. In the UK, in the first seven days 1,37,897 were vaccinated, 516 people were vaccinated in France in the first week and in Russia 52,000 people were vaccinated in the first week. So these are the comparative figures for you and we have just started so we will pick up speed," he said.

About whether a person is liable for compensation in case of an adverse event, Bhushan said, "The vaccine (Covaxin) which has been given emergency use authorisation under clinical trial mode is accompanied by three documents. One is a factsheet which is read out and explained to beneficiaries, second is a consent form... And the third is an adverse event reporting form where the recipient has to report the adverse event for the first seven days."

"There it is clearly mentioned that if there is a causal relationship between immunisation and the adverse event whether it is severe or serious the hospitalisation costs would be borne by the authorities. That is the position as it exists now," he said.

Bhushan further said in case of Covishield vaccine the monitoring is passive.

"It is that after taking the vaccine I sit for half an hour and I am observed. If there is nothing I go home. If I develop a symptom the onus is on me to come to the hospital and report it. Whereas in case of Covaxin it is active follow-up. The doctor rings you up on a daily basis and you are given a form which you fill for seven days," he said.

On how the vaccines are distributed to states and Union Territories, Bhushan said it is done based on the proportion in which the Centre got the supplies.

"Which vaccine will go to which vaccination session is a decision which has been left entirely to the states. So states have taken a decision," the Union health secretary said.

Bhushan said nine states, including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, are among the better performing states and union territories with over 70 per cent coverage.

"Better performing states in COVID-19 vaccination coverage include Lakshadeep (89.3 per cent), Sikkim (85.7 per cent), Odisha (82.6 per cent), Telangana (81.1 per cent) , UP (71.4 per cent), Rajasthan (71.3 per cent)," he said. (PTI)

Power shut down

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: In order to carry out various upgradation/repair works, the power supply to PHE SIDCO Samba fed from 11 KV PHE feeder emanating from 2x10 MVA Receiving Station Samba shall remain affected on January 21 and 23 from 10 am to 03 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Digiana Pully near Canal and Opp Gurudwara fed from DG-2 feeder shall remain affected on January 21 and 23 from 08 am to 01 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to SIDCO Samba fed from 66 KV line (Bus Out from IGC Phase-II Receiving Station Samba) shall remain affected on January 23 from 01 pm to 02 pm.

Provide shelter to nomad families: CPI (M)

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 19: CPI (M) secretary Ghulam Nabi Malik has expressed grief over the death of two minor children belonging to a Bakerwal family who died in Brinal Lammar area of Devsar, Kulgam due to intense cold yesterday. He urged the administration to provide ex gratia relief and shelter to the families of the deceased children.

The administration must provide shelter and ration to such nomadic families who are putting here and facing severe problems in winter due to extreme cold. There are reports that various nomadic families are putting up in the Valley during the prevailing harsh winter without any shelter, Malik said.

He urged the LG administration to issue directions to all Dy Commissioners of the Valley to identify the number of such nomadic families who are putting up here in each district during this chilly winter and provide them shelter and ration.

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NOTICE INVITING e-Tender

The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) on behalf of Vice Chancellor CUJ invites e-Tender for the Work "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Passenger Lift for Satish Dhawan Centre For Space Science in Central University of Jammu, Rahya-Suchani (Bagla), Distt. Samba-181143, Jammu (J&K)". The Tender document can be downloaded from the website **"www.cujammu.ac.in"**.

The Bids can be deposited in electronic format on the **website** ***https://cujammu.euniwizarde.com till 03-02-2021 (12:00 Hrs).***

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Date: 18-01-2021 Executive Engineer

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INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for **"SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING of new equipments/material and shifting of control room equipments from old control room to new control room building, and Electrification of New Control room Building at 33/11kV receiving station Malipeth Kishtwar"** under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu.

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
2. The tender document is available at website **http://jktenders.gov.in.** Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	**Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date**	**19.01.2021;**
B	**Tender Document Sale/Download End Date**	**01.02.2021; 04:00 PM**
C	**e-Bid submission (start) date & time**	**19.01.2021; 10:00 AM**
D	**e-Bid submission (end) date & time**	**02.02.2021; 04:00 PM**
E	**Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time**	**02.02.2021 up to 04:00 PM**
F	**Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time**	**04.02.2021; 02:00 PM**
G	**Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)**	**Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.**
H	**Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids**	**Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu.**
I	**Tender Value**	**Rs. 15.65 Lakhs**
J	**Cost of e-Bid document**	**Rs. 2000.00 (Non-Refundable)**
K	**Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)**	**Rs. 31,300.00 (Rs thirty one thousand and three hundred only)**

3. The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank pledged to **the Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu,** payable at Jammu. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the **the Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu,** and should reach **at least one day before opening** of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.
4. Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDCL.
5. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank only pledged to **the Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu** No Interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.
   a. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the **Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu, at least one day before** opening of commercial and technical e-Bid.
   b. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site **http://jktenders.gov.in.** This is conveyed to the technically qualified Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.
6. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. An authority letter of Bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.
7. The JPDCL reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of the JPDCL, will be final and binding.
8. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for JPDCL office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
9. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
10. To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

Hard Copy/ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT of EMD & Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the **Executive Engineer, STD Doda, JPDCL Jammu,** in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical-Bids. The sealed cover shall be super scribed as **"COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS & EMD INSTRUMENT AGAINST e-NIT NO:** ***STD/Doda/shifting of cont room eqip. /Capex 20-21/34 of 2020, Dated 16.01.2020"***

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