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COVID cases cross 17,000 after month

of the total infections, the data stated. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 1,08,26,075 which translates to a national COVID-19 recovery rate of 97.03 per cent, while the case fatality rate stands at 1.41 per cent. In d i a 's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on

After taking jab, LG asks all eligible to take vaccine; says it's fully safe

congratulate all the scientists who manufactured it," Sinha said after getting the vaccine. He also appealed to the people not to lower their guard and take all COVID related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) even after getting vaccinated. The Lieutenant Governor said the world has acknowledged ingenuity of the Indian scientists. He expressed his gratitude to frontline workers including doctors and other health personnel, who led a formidable fight against Coronavirus pandemic. Meanwhile, one Lecturer and a student tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu district today. A 17-year-old 12th class student of Jodhamal Public School at Channi Himmat, who hails from Nanak Nagar, today tested positive for COVID-19. After getting a report, the School Management ordered closure of the institution for three days from March 5-7. "Today afternoon, a parent of 12th class student informed Jodhamal Public School that their ward had tested COVID positive. The student had briefly visited school on 1st and 2nd March for practical practice. Before that, she came for pre-board exams up to February 19. As a precautionary measure, the school has been closed for next three days. All precautions and SOPs were and are being followed in the school as per the Government guidelines," a spokesperson for the institution said.

The School Principal has also submitted a report to the District Magistrate Jammu giving details about the student found infected by the virus. The Principal said all classmates of the student and concerned teachers have been informed to get their COVID test done. Meanwhile, a female Lecturer in the Government Higher Secondary School for Boys in Bishnah has also tested positive for COVID-19. The teacher was reportedly on leave. In view of this, the school hasn't been shut. However, students and teachers who had come in contact with the infected

Assemblies in J&K unlikely to be held for one-and-half year

constituencies. The BJP is in the process of preparing comprehensive documents to submit to the Commission for fair constitution of seats by removing years long political discrimination with Jammu region while the National Conference members are yet to take call on whether they would give suggestions to the Panel or not. While splitting Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories through the Reorganization Act, the Union Home Ministry had increased Assembly seats of Jammu and Kashmir by seven taking total seats to 114, of which 24 are reserved for Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) while election would be held for 90 seats. Erstwhile State of Jammu

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Several deptts ignoring mandatory CID verification of new entrants into service

allowance of new entrants into Government service. However, it has been observed by the Government that these instructions are not being adhered to in several departments/subordinate offices as a result of which many individuals with dubious character antecedents and conduct have been paid salaries and other allowances without obtaining mandatory CID verification. Taking serious note of this, the Commissioner Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department Manoj Kumar Dwivedi has impressed upon all the Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of the Departments and Managing Directors of all Public Sector Undertakings and Corporations to identify such cases and ensure that their verification is completed expeditiously and no new entrant in the Government service is paid salary/allowances till verification by the CID. Moreover, in order to expedite verification process, a simplified mechanism has been devised in consultation with the Criminal Investigation Department. "The cases of public employment under the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir where mandatory CID verification pertaining to character, conduct and antecedents have not been initiated or completed shall be prepared at the earliest",

Eyeing on Property Tax but hindering biggest source of revenue generation

a period of five years from the date of signing of the agreement. However, even after more than a month since opening of the technical bids and submission of the financial bids by the participating firms, the JMC is still delaying finalization of the process and allotment of advertising rights to the successful bidder. Because of the delay, the Municipal Corporation is losing more than Rs 33 lakh per month while on the other hand, some unscrupulous elements in connivance with JMC officials are illegally putting up advertisement hoardings on public places. According to the sources, days before inviting tenders for allotment of advertising rights, the JMC had proposed installing 10 hoardings at nine identified locations as temporary arrangement with the help of an advertising agency. As the said advertising agency was roped in on pick and choose basis without any transparency,

EPFO retains 8.5% interest

1.2 million tulips to bloom in Srinagar

Srinagar ranked at 49th, Jammu 27th in Union Govt's 'Ease of Living Index'

US hails steps to restore normalcy in J&K

Price said. The Quad, comprising India, the US, Australia and Japan, is aimed at ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific, a region that has witnessed increasing Chinese military assertiveness in the recent years. The US has important relationships with India, as well as Pakistan, the spokesperson said, adding "these relationships stand on their own in our view." "They are not a zero-sum proposition when it comes to US foreign policy. We have productive, constructive relations, and productive and constructive relationships with one does not detract from the relationship we have at the other. It does not come at the expense of the relationship we have with the other," Price said. "When it comes to India, we have a global comprehensive strategic partnership, and we've talked about that. When it comes to Pakistan, I addressed this the other week: We have important shared interests in the region. And we will continue to work closely with the Pakistani authorities on those shared interests," he said in response to a question. The US continues to support direct dialogue between India and Pakistan on Kashmir and other issues of concern, Price said. "Of course, we've continued to call for a reduction of tensions along the Line of Control (LoC), returning to that 2003 ceasefire," he said. (PTI)

MeT forecasts wet weather on March 6, 7

3.4 degree Celsius against 2.5 degree Celsius the previous night. The minimum temperature settled at 3.4 degree Celsius in Kupwara against 0.2 degree Celsius the previous night. Gulmarg recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.0 degree Celsius against minus 2.4 degree Celsius the previous night. "Fairly widespread rains have been predicted for March 6 while widespread rains have been forecast on March 7", the official said. The weatherman has also issued "yellow warning" for isolated heavy rain, snow on March 7 and said that the weather system may impact surface traffic due to landslides on Jammu-Srinagar highway.

Two more Army jawans involved in data breach

Further investigation is still on and culpability of other individuals is being explored, sources said. According to the sources, the probe would also find out how deeply the soldiers were engaged with the enemy operatives and how much they compromised. The Udhampur-based Northern Command is in charge of security on both China and Pakistan borders in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh sectors. Sources declined to name the Army soldiers caught for data breach and drug racket. They said they have been caught and their mobile telephones are being checked to ascertain how much data they have leaked. The Court of Inquiry will also find out whether some other persons were involved.

Bomb scare at Taj Mahal following hoax call; caller detained: Police

NEW DELHI/AGRA, Mar 4: The Taj Mahal complex in Agra was vacated today morning following a hoax bomb call, police said. The caller, identified as Vimal Kumar Singh, has been detained for questioning in Firozabad, Additional Director General (ADG) of Police, Agra zone, A Satish Ganesh said. Singh called the 112 emergency response number of the Uttar Pradesh police at around 9 am and claimed that a bomb was kept inside the monument that is conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and protected by armed personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The police immediately informed the CISF personnel, who asked the visitors to vacate the premises of the iconic 17th-century monument and launched anti-sabotage checks around 9:15 am. Nothing suspicious was found during the checks at the monument, a CISF officer said in Delhi. An initial probe revealed that Singh is a resident of Pataliyali in Kasganj and was presently staying in his maternal grandmother's house in Okhra village in the Narkhi area of Firozabad, the ADG said. "Prima facie it seems that he (Singh) is mentally unstable and is probably under treatment. We are probing why he made such a call. The Taj Mahal was reopened for visitors after about an hour and 45 minutes," he added. (PTI)

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CORRIGENDUM No 01

Subject:- Specific Qualifying requirements For the Tender "Internal Inspection of 220/132KV,160MVA Auto-Transformer(BHEL Make) after necessary repair and erection, testing and commissioning at site and Filtration of 160MVA,220/132KV and 50MVA, 132/33KV EMCO Make Power Transformer at 710MVA, 220/132/33KV Grid station, Gladni." Ref:- This Office E-NIT No TLMD-II/J/13 of 2020-21 dated 25-02-2021 issued vide endorsement no. TLMD-II/JKPTCL/J/9179-81 dated 25-02-2021 The General terms & conditions and qualification requirements for the work which has not been mentioned in the Standard Bidding Document of the above mentioned tender may be read as follows:-

GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS & OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 SCOPE

Internal Inspection of 220/132KV,160MVA Auto-Transformer(BHEL Make) after necessary repair and erection, testing and commissioning at site and Filtration of 160MVA,220/132KV and 50MVA, 132/33KV EMCO Make Power Transformer at 710MVA, 220/132/33KV Grid station, Gladni.

1.1 DESCRIPTION

The bidder shall quote for complete work of "Internal Inspection of 220/132KV,160MVA Auto-Transformer(BHEL Make) after necessary repair and erection, testing and commissioning at site and Filtration of 160MVA,220/132KV and 50MVA, 132/33KV EMCO Make Power Transformer at 710MVA, 220/132/33KV Grid station, Gladni."

1.2 BIDDER'S QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The following shall apply to enable the Bidders to participate in this Bid.

a) All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintt. Division-II, JKPTCL, Gladni Jammu, J&K. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

b) To submit Hard Copy of original Instrument of EMD to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintt. Division-II, JKPTCL, Gladni Jammu, J&K on or before the opening of the Commercial & Technical e-Bid.

c) The bidders firm should be registered with commercial taxes J&K.

d) Bidder must have a valid GST number.

e) The bidders return of commercial tax, income tax /corporate tax clearing certificate of the current financial year should be accompanied with the offer.

f) The bidder must have a valid PAN Number.

g) The bidder should have sound financial resources for successful execution of the project and shall furnish the details of annual turnover for last five (05) years which should be atleast 30% of the estimated cost of the tender quoted for.

h) The intending tenderer should be a manufacturer/ repairer/testing and commissioning firm of who has manufactured/ repaired/tested and commissioned 220 KV class or higher voltage class power/auto transformers in any of the State Electricity Boards/Govt. Power Utilities/Govt. Generating Companies and atleast one transformer of this voltage class supplied/repaired, shall be in satisfactory service for a continuous period of 1 year. Necessary documentary evidence for the same shall be furnished.

i) The Bidder should possess a valid Electrical Contractor's license issued by any state or central government agency. The Contractors/Companies/Firms/Joint Ventures should have successfully executed similar nature of works such as repair/reconditioning of Power/Auto Transformers during the last seven financial years with minimum cost of completed works as follows.

ii) One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost. Or

iii) Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimated cost Or

iv) Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost.

k) The bidder shall visit the site of work before quoting and acquaint himself with the Prevailing road conditions/ existing system there and to collect other information which may affect the cost quoted by the bidder. It will be presumed that the bidders have visited the site of work and the bids are based on full knowledge of working conditions prevailing at site, availability of material, water, electricity, labour, transportation facilities, probable site for labour camp and store go downs and all factors involved in execution of work.

l) The contractor shall have the sole responsibility for supervision of the work and of all workmen engaged therein.

m) All other terms and conditions not covered but in vogue in PWD/PDD/CPWD/NHPC shall hold good & form part of this NIT.

n) Bidder/contractor has to complete all the works which may not have been mentioned in the BOQ but necessary for the completion of the job

o) There can be variation in quantity of material on either side max upto 20%. Hence payments shall be made as per actual consumption/ measurement at site on the basis of rates specified in the price bid of successful bidder. The actual consumption/measurement shall be certified by Engineer In charge.

1.3 Tests:-

The contractor shall be solely responsible for carrying out the mandatory tests required for the quality control at his own cost.

1.4 Risk And Responsibility :-

Allocation of Risks and responsibility:

The Risks of loss of or damage to physical property and of death and personal injury, which arise in consequence of the performance of the contract, shall be allocated to the contractor as follows:

a) All risks and damage to goods/property/persons shall be complete responsibility of the contractor

b) Any loss or damage to work due to natural calamity or any other reason during execution/ work shall be borne by the contractor.

c) Demolished material on site if serviceable checked by Engineer in charge would be returned to divisional stores against proper red indent duly vetted by Executive Engineer TLMD-II JKPTCL, Jammu.

d) Any loss or damage at site handed over to the Contractor for execution of the works shall be borne by the Contractor. Quantum of loss/damage shall be assessed by Engineer-in-Charge and same shall be deducted from the final bill.

e) Bidder should note that obtaining permission from statutory bodies such as Forest Department, Local bodies etc wherever required for execution of work shall be entirely in Bidder's scope. However the Corporation shall assist/facilitate the contractor in obtaining such permission.

1.5 Legal Remedy:

All the legal proceedings in connection with the supply order will be subject to the jurisdiction of local courts in Jammu Province of J&K UT.

1.6 Arbitration:

In the event of any dispute of difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provision of this agreement between JKPTCL & the contractor the same shall be settled to the extent possible applicable between JKPTCL & the contractor. In case the parties are unable to settle the dispute each party shall appoint one arbitrator & third arbitrator shall be nominated by the said two arbitrators. The rules governing the proceeding between the arbitrator shall be those of J&K Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1997. The venue of the arbitration proceeding shall be in the UT of J&K. Provided that the arbitral tribunal shall not have any right/jurisdiction to award any interest on claim which is determined by it in the arbitration proceedings conducted by the tribunal. Neither party shall be entitled to suspend such work to which dispute relates and payment of any shall be continued to be made in term of the contract during the pendency of the arbitration proceedings.

1.7 Prices :-

The rates/price must be quoted in Indian Currency alone and any mistake in converting foreign exchange component into Indian Currency will not justify the claim whatsoever of tenderer for increase in price. Foreign exchange component, if any, shall have to be arranged by the tenderer and bank charges, if any, on this account shall be to the account of the tenderer. In the price bid, the tenderer shall clearly indicate the rates/prices for each item which Includes GST, entry tax and any other tax which is livable up to completion of job at site.

1.8 Price Variation :-

The price shall be FIRM. No variation shall be allowed up to completion period of the job. Any increase in taxes, the same shall be borne by the bidder, whereas any decrease in taxes, the same shall be passed on to the department. Nothing extra shall be paid to the bidder.

1.9 Notification of award:

The successful bidder shall submit the letter of acceptance within two days from the issuance of Letter of intent. The contract agreement has to be signed within 02 days after award of the contract on Non Judicial stamp paper. The successful Bidder shall also submit the Performance Bank Guarantee of 10% of the allotted contract amount within 02 days after award of the contract which shall remain valid for the defect liability period of six months.

2.0 Commencement, Delays

The Contractor shall commence the Works immediately after signing of the contract agreement.

2.1 Liquidated Damages for Delay

If the Contractor fails to complete the work in the allotted period, the Contractor shall pay to the Employer the relevant sum at the rate of 0.5% of the contract price including all taxes and duties as Liquidated damages for such default (which sum shall be the only monies due from the Contractor for such default) for every week or part of a week which shall elapse after the notified Time for Completion".

2.2 Terms and conditions of Payment:-

90% payment shall be made on successful repairs, testing and commissioning of the said transformers and the balance 10% payment shall be released after the Defect Liability period.

2.3 Completion Schedule

Sixty days (60) from date of issue of LOA with bid validity of 180 days.

2.4 Right to Reject:

The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any bid at any time without assigning any reason before or after award of the contract.

2.5 Any item of work needed to be executed at site (other than advertised/ allotted) shall be paid on JKSSR 2020 rate with price appreciation as per C.E.C. guidelines. In case any such item is not covered under JKSSR 2020, same shall be paid on analysed rates based on prevalent market rates in the vicinity and approved by the Executive Engineer TLMD-II,JKPTCL Jammu and same shall be binding on the Contractor.

2.6 In case the rate quoted by the bidder is below the estimated cost(un-balanced bid) and comes out to be L1 after price bid evaluation, an additional performance security deposit amount @ rate mentioned in the table below shall have to be furnished by the bidder in form of CDR/ bank guarantee in favour of Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintt. Division-II, JKPTCL,Gladni Jammu, within 02 days and must be valid for a period of 01 year or more from last date of uploading of the bids, failing which tender shall be rejected.

S.No	%age of unbalanced bid viz-a-viz advertised cost	Additional Performance Security to be uploaded
1	Up to and including 15% below	NIL
2	> 15% up to and including 20% Below	5.00%
3	> 20% up to and including 25% Below	10.00%
4	> 25% up to and including 30% Below	15.00%
5	> 30% Below	20.00%

2.7 The bidders are advised to read all condition laid down in the guidelines issued by the Govt. From time to time before uploading soft copy. If in case contractor failed to start / complete the work, within the stipulated time period, his CDR/ Earnest money shall be forfeited after termination of the contract. Besides, defaulting contractor shall be debarred from taking works in JKPTCL at least for one year.

2.8 Defect liability period for the works within the scope of this contract agreement shall be 06 months from the date of completion of work certified by the Engineer-in-Charge.

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