

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland Foothill Road Co-ordination Committee (NFHRCC) has appealed to the State Government for a tripartite agreement between the concerned Department, Contractor and NFHRCC in the proposed 2-lane Foothills Road Project. In a resolution, the NFHRCC said the Nagaland Foothills Road being an “Extraordinary Project”, the Landowners parted their land without a penny of compensation while Naga Political Groups fully understood not to levy any forms of taxations. The NFHRCC said, a tripartite agreement should be entered between concerned Department, Contractor and NFHRCC in order to maintain transparency and workmanship of the project. The committee resolved not to politicise the project in any manner whatsoever. Pointing out that the entire Foothills Road stretched from Tizit to Khelma and the road condition along Khelma sector continued to be in pathetic condition, the committee also appealed to the Government to provide an additional fund to the Khelma sector . The Committee further resolved to give connectivity road to Rengmapani with the view to bring even development within its family. Therefore, an additional fund must be provided to capture the missing link, it said. The committee also made it clear that there would be No Land Compensation and No Taxation from any corner with regard to Foothills Road construction. It reiterated on the earlier agreement signed on 7th April 2014 with Nagaland Contractors and Suppliers Union to the effect that NCSU will. In addition, the committee said, being an extraordinary project, the selection of Contractors/Tendering process should be done extraordinarily or in other words extraordinary yardstick should be applied while exercising selection of contractors or tendering process with the sole intention to safeguard

the Historic project from the clutches of any wanted elements.

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The Election Commission has changed the date of counting of votes for Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim assembly polls to 2nd June instead of 4th June. EC said in a statement that there will be no change in respect of the schedule for the Parliamentary constituencies of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Election Commission had announced the poll schedule for assembly polls in Sikkim, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh along with the schedule for General Elections on Saturday. The 32-member Sikkim assembly and 60-member Arunachal Pradesh assembly will go to polls in single phase along with the first phase of Lok Sabha elections on 19th April. The election for the 175-member Andhra Pradesh assembly will be conducted in single phase on 13th May and polling for the 147-member Odisha assembly will be held in four phases on 13th, 20th, 25th May and 1st June along with the Lok Sabha polls.

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The National Testing Agency, NTA will conduct CUET-UG between the 15th to 31st of May as announced earlier. In this period, two dates overlap with the general election dates on the 20th and 25th of May. UGC Chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar said in a social media post that after the last date for filling out applications on 26th March, the number of students registered for CUET-UG and their geographical distribution will be known. He said that based on this data and the election dates, NTA will announce the date sheet for CUET-UG between the 15th and 31st of May.

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Assam Rifles organised 'A Day with Company Commander', for local school students along with the teaching staff of Phek to experience the various facets of the "Friends of the Hill People". Students of Government Higher Secondary School and Christian Mission Higher

Secondary School attended the event at Phek yesterday. During the event, the students were briefed about the functioning of the Assam Rifles. Competitions such as football, volleyball, tug of war and singing were also organised. Adventure and fun activities like rock climbing and slithering, negotiating the obstacle course, archery and bamboo walk were the highlights of the event. The Assam Rifles said, such programme instills a spirit of patriotism and motivated students in harnessing their energy towards positive mind. The programme paved the way for strengthening the bond and harmony between security forces and local people.

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