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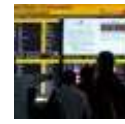
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The Moidams in Assam. File picture

The 700-year-old mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty — the Moidams from Assam — will be considered for nomination on the World Heritage List next week during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) in New Delhi on Sunday. If the nomination comes through, it will become the first cultural site on the prestigious list from the northeastern region.

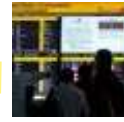
Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) will inaugurate the 46th session of WHC, which is being held in India for the first time. The event, to be held at Bharat Mandapam from July 21 to 31, brings together culture ministers, representatives and stakeholders from around the world to discuss the preservation of shared cultural, natural and mixed heritage.

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It is among 28 sites proposed for inscription on the List, to be examined according to category: natural, mixed and cultural.

Besides, the committee will also discuss the state of conservation of the 124 already inscribed on the World Heritage List, 57 of which are also on the list World Heritage in Danger.

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