

What is Assam's Charaideo Maidam?

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- Charaideo commonly **known as 'Pyramids of Assam'** was the **original capital of the Ahom Kings**.
- **Charaideo remained the symbolic center of Ahom Kingdom** even though the capital of the kingdom moved many times.
- It was **built by Chaolung Sukhapa the founder of the dynasty in about 1229 CE**.
- **Location:** Located at the foothills of Nagaland, it's situated at a distance of around **30 KM from the historical Sivsagar town in Assam**.
- **Why is Charaideo known as 'Pyramids of Assam'?**
- It contains sacred burial grounds of Ahom kings and queens and is also the place of the ancestral Gods of the Ahoms.
- Some 42 tombs (Maidams) of Ahom kings and queens are present at Charaideo hillocks.
- **Architecture:** it comprises a massive underground vault with one or more chambers having domical superstructure and covered by a heap of earthen mound and externally it appears a hemispherical mound.

About Ahom Dynasty:

- It was **founded by Chaolung Sukapha** , who entered the Brahmaputra valley in 1228.
- They **ruled Assam for six centuries**.

- The Ahoms **created a new state by taking over the older political system of the bhuiyans (landlords).**
 - The Ahom **administration was a monarchical government** with democratic and aristocratic values as well.
 - Ahom **society was divided into clans** and with the expansion of the kingdom, the clans moved and took charge of the designated territory.
 - The Ahoms **followed stringent travel policies to protect their motherland** against the foreign invaders for inward travel.
 - In the **17th century, the Ahom rule got weakened** due to multiple Burmese invasions and internal conflicts.
 - Ahom Kingdom was **annexed by the British East India Company after the Treaty of Yandabo in 1826.**
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Q1) What is a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

World Heritage Sites are cultural and/or natural sites considered to be of 'Outstanding Universal Value', which have been inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO.

Source: [Centre to propose for nomination of 'Charaideo Maidam' as World Heritage Site: Assam CM](#)

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