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THE HEADLINES

- · UNESCO adds Charaideo Maidam to World Heritage sites: PM Modi expresses pride.
- Government Polytechnic Peren urges citizens of Peren district to join hands together to build a bright future in technology and innovation.
- India's ace Shooter Manu Bhaker creates history by becoming first woman shooter to win a medal in Olympics.
- and, President Droupadi, Vice President and Prime Minister congratulates Manu Bhaker for opening India's medal tally in Paris Olympics.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed pride that Charaideo Maidam of Assam is being included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani this morning, the Prime Minister highlighted that it will be the 43rd site of India in the list, and the first Cultural World Heritage site from the Northeast. Elaborating on why it is such an important place, Modi said Charaideo was the first capital of the Ahom dynasty. The people of the Ahom dynasty traditionally kept the mortal

remains of their ancestors and their valuables in the Maidam. Prime Minister added that the Maidam is a symbol of reverence for the departed kings and dignitaries of the Ahom Empire. Prime Minister termed it as a great feat for the Ahom Empire to sustain from the 13th century till the beginning of the 19th century. He stated that the principles and beliefs of the Ahom Empire were so strong that they kept this dynasty alive for a long time. Modi also recalled unveiling the tallest statue of the great Ahom warrior Lachit Borphukan on 9th March this year. Prime Minister said he feels privileged to have paid respects to the ancestors of the Ahom community at Lachit Maidam. He urged people to include Charaideo Madamin in their future travel plans. Modi noted that a country can progress only by taking pride in her culture. Highlighting efforts being made in India in this regard, he mentioned Project PARI, which stands for Public Art of India. Prime Minister observed that Project PARI is becoming a great medium to bring emerging artists on one platform to popularise public art. He said that the paintings made on roadsides, walls, and underpasses are made by the same artists who are associated with PARI. Modi said this not only enhances the beauty of public places but also helps in making Indian culture more popular. He gave the example of Delhi's Bharat Mandapam and flyovers which contains artwork from across the country. He requested art and culture lovers to work more on public art. Speaking about the handloom industry, Modi lauded 250 women of Rohtak district of Haryana for joining the UNNATI Self Help Group and spreading the magic of colours on clothes. The women joined the Self Help Group and received training in block printing and dyeing. They are now earning lakhs of rupees today as the bed covers, sarees and dupattas made by them are in great demand in the market.

The Government Polytechnic Peren has urged the citizens of Peren district to join hands together with the institute in order to build a bright future in technology and innovation in the district. Government Polytechnic Peren Principal in-charge Neikhrove Pfuno and Lecturer Sentilila Jamir informed that the polytechnic is under the Directorate of Technical Education and is approved by the State Council for Technical Education Nagaland. Meanwhile, Government Polytechnic Peren has notified that admissions are open for one year Certification in interior design starting from 29th July to 12th August 2024. The programme study offers courses on Residential design, Commercial design, software design, project management and client interaction.



Steel production in India, driven by robust demand for government infrastructure projects, is projected to surpass 300 million tonnes (MT) by 2030. Addressing the Bharat Chamber of Commerce (BCC) in New Delhi, Steel Secretary Nagaendra Nath Sinha said current steel demand remains strong with an infrastructure push from the government and expects a growth of about 10 percent. Sinha further said that amid the strong GDP growth and continued emphasis on infrastructure from both government and private sectors, steel demand will continue to stay strong. Earlier this week, Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy launched SIMS 2.0 portal, the upgraded Steel Import Monitoring System, to provide actionable intelligence to stakeholders for effective decision-making and strategic planning.



Delhi Police has detained the owner and coordinator of the coaching centre in Old Rajinder Nagar after flooding in its basement killed three civil services aspirants. Three students lost their lives after being trapped in the basement of the building yesterday. DCP Central M Harshavardhan said, two females and a male have died in the incident and their bodies have been sent for the legal postmortem examination. He said, work is continuously underway to pump out the water. A case has been registered and the investigation is underway. Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi has directed the MCD Commissioner that strict action should be taken against coaching centres across Delhi which are running commercial activities in basements in violation of building bye-laws.



The two day conclave of Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states called Mukhyamantri Parishad concluded in New Delhi today. Addressing the valedictory session of the conclave, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, when the Central and State governments work strongly towards the coordinated efforts of public welfare then the goal of a developed nation will be definitely achieved. The Prime Minister said, the development of heritage as well as creation of heritage have special importance in the concept of developed India. Modi said, we all should keep this aspect in mind always.

India's ace Shooter Manu Bhaker, has created history by becoming first woman shooter to win a medal in Olympics. In the Women's 10m Air Pistol final event, she scored 221.7 to win a Bronze Medal in the Paris Olympics. This also marks India's first olympic medal in the ongoing games. Bhaker

showcased exceptional skill and composure against Korean shooters, Kim Yeji and Oh Yeh Jin. Bhaker's win is a significant milestone for Indian shooting, marking the country's growing prowess in the discipline on the international stage. Meanwhile, Arjun Babuta has sealed his spot in the men's 10m air rifle final with a seventh place finish in the qualification round today. Babuta shot a score of 630.1. Shooter Ramita Jindal also qualified for the final of women's 10m air rifle event.



President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have congratulated Manu Bhaker for opening India's medal tally by winning a bronze in 10-meter air pistol event in the Paris Olympics 2024. The President said, she is the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in a shooting competition adding that India is proud of Manu Bhaker as her feat is going to inspire many sportspersons, especially women. Murmu wished for her to scale greater heights of accomplishment in the future. Vice President Dhankhar said, she not just opened the medal tally for India in Paris but also became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in shooting. Dhankar also said, her achievement is going to inspire the countless young girls who aspire to raise Bharat's tricolour at Olympic podium. Prime Minister Modi said, it is a historic medal for India. He said, it is an incredible achievement and this success is more special as she became the first women to win a medal in shooting for India.

