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## Monuments in North Eastern States Identified for Listing Under World Heritage Site (Download PDF)

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Few monuments in North Eastern States are identified for listing under World Heritage Site as below: World Heritage Site is landmarks are selected by UNESCO. Apatani Cultural Landscape, Arunachal Pradesh - Surrounded by blue rolling hills & cut off from rest of populated areas of region.

*Map North Eastern States For Listing under World Heritage Site*

- The valley, inhabited by Apatani tribe, lies tucked in lower ranges of eastern Himalayas in state of AP in NE India.
- The tribe is known for their colourful culture w/various festivals, intricate handloom designs, skills in cane & bamboo crafts, & vibrant traditional village councils called *bulyan*.

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*Image of ZIRO the Place of Apatani*

### **Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India**

- Sualkuchi in Assam, is among saree weaving clusters of India.
- It has glorious history in production of muga & mulberry silk since at least 4<sup>th</sup> century BC & finds mention in Kautilya's Arthashastra (referred to as Suvarnakunda of ancient Kamrupa).
- The Karbi, Mishing, Rabha, Singpho & Tai-phake tribes have a strong textile tradition.
- The Mech tribe is silk-weavers in profession. Dimasa tribes are renowned for their expertise in silk-culture & weaving-prowess & are producers of Endi.

### **Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty**

- Tai-Ahom clan upon their migration from China established their capital in different parts of Brahmaputra River Valley b/w 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Usurping Barahi tribe, Chau-lung Siu-ka-pha established 1<sup>st</sup> capital of Ahoms at foothill of Patkai hills & named it Che-rai-doi or Che-tam-doi, meaning "a dazzling city above mountain" in their language.
- Their unique system of vaulted mounds continued for 600 years, till many Tai-Ahoms converted to Buddhism while others adopted Hindu system of cremation.