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General Awareness

The week from 22 July to 28 July 2024

Assam's Charaideo Maidams have been inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Moidams are royal burial grounds used by the Tai Ahom dynasty for over 600 years from the 13th to the 19th century. This is the first cultural site from North-eastern India to be inscribed in the UNESCO WHS list.

The 25th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on 26th July, 2024. The day is celebrated annually to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil War. On this occasion PM Modi visited the Kargil War Memorial at Drass, and paid tribute to our brave soldiers.

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has been honoured with personalized gold coins by the Grevin Museum in Paris. He is the first Indian actor to receive this honour. Apart from Shahrukh Khan, the only Indian to receive such an honour was Mahatma Gandhi.

The 33rd Summer Olympic Games got underway at Paris with a spectacular Opening ceremony. For the first time in Olympic history, the ceremony was held outside a stadium, with 85 boats carrying nearly 7,000 athletes from 205 countries along a 6-km stretch of the Seine River. Achant Sharat Kamal and P.V. Sindhu were the official flag-bearers of India at the opening ceremony.

Shooter Manu Bhaker made history by claiming India's first medal at the ongoing Paris Olympics 2024, striking bronze in Women's 10m Air Pistol final. She is also the first Indian woman to win a shooting medal in Olympic history.

Rashtrapati Bhavan's "Durbar Hall" and "Ashok Hall" have been renamed "Ganatantra Mandap" and "Ashok Mandap" respectively. While Ashok Mandap was originally a ballroom, the Ganatantra Mandap hosts important ceremonies and celebrations such as presentation of National Awards.

The mascot for the Paris Olympics 2024 is the "Olympic Phryge", based on the traditional small Phrygian hats that the mascots are shaped after. The name and design were chosen as symbols of freedom and to represent allegorical figures of the French Republic.

OpenAI has released SearchGPT, to challenge Google's long-time reign as the best search engine. The goal of this AI-powered search tool is to improve user experience by providing information and results from the internet in real-time.



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