A REMNANT OF ‘NILKUTHI’ IN BIRBHUM DISTRICT (WEST BENGAL)

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My aim of writing this note is to attract the attention of readers interested in our history and also the authorities for conservation of this invaluable asset of historical importance.