### Editorial

### The lost treasure

Importance of documentation of events and recording of facts, or the lack thereof in our present society has been an increasingly discussed topic in recent times with most heads of State and concerned Government officials stressing it's significance no end. Yet, more often than not these talks turn out to be nothing more than just blank rhetoric, ignoring the real work that needs to be done. One such instance is the discovery of an interesting star-shaped fort -like walls at

discovery of an interesting star-shaped fort -like walls at Maklang which was reported by this paper 5 years back (Imphal Times, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2013 issue).

The structure locally known as "BehuPalli" located about 11 kilometres from Kangla in Imphal along National Highway 37 was first reported by this paper and the matter was even put up during state assembly session. The structure had eight regular cones and encloses an area of about 15 "Parees" (approximately 38 acres). Initial investigation at the site of the discovery also reveals a troubling fact: there also stood a rectangular structure surrounding this star shaped structure which was dismantled to make way for cultivable land and it's outline is not traceable at make way for cultivable land and it's outline is not traceable at

The outline of the star shape structure was visible on google map. Local residents narrated stories and hearsay about these ancient structures that suggest the ownership to King Bhaigyachandra who shifted his residence during the "Seven vears desertation"

Subject experts and members from the State Archeology Department believes the structure to be the remnant from the "Chakpa" period dated somewhere in 33AD. The need of the hour is for the State Archaeology Department and the Government to undertake further in-depth study and evaluation and to document the findings at the earliest before the local people who are primarily a farming community breaks down the structure further to reclaim precious lands that will improve their productivity. Steps to preserve and prevent the locals from doing more damage should be taken up right away, and an increased awareness of the significance of preserving and documenting such findings will help them to appreciate and be more protective of such properties. Time is of essence here, as with each passing day nature takes it's toll on the ancient structure. Preserving and studying these structures can open up many facts about our past and answer many questions that will definitely benefit us all.

However, the structure now is a myth with authority giving no notice to it. Earlier, the locals of Maklang tried to protect the site but no longer these days as not many people have interest in it. Manipur now have lost a treasure due to negligence of the then authority.

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## Turkey Urges Russia, Iran to Stop Syrian Army Offensive in Idlib

By Tuvan Gumrukcu
Ankara, Jan. 11: Turkey called on Russia and Iran on Wednesday to pressure Syrian authorities to halt a military offensive in Syria's rebelheld Idlib province, which Damascus launched despite an international deal to reduce hostilities there.

As pro-government forces pressed the assault, the Russian defence ministry's newspaper said Moscow had asked the Turkish military to tighten control over armed groups in Idlib. It said militants had used the province as the launchpad for a e attack on two Russian bases in the last week.

Idlib has become a focal point of the Syrian war as government forces and allied militia have thrust towards an insurgent-held air base. Idlib, bordering Turkey, is the largest single chunk of Syria still under the control of rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed grave concern for an estimated two million people in the Idlib region, where the population has grown as Syrian rebels and civilians fled government advances in other areas. Fresh conflict could trigger more displacement on Turkey southern border.

Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Russia and Iran must fulfill their duties under a joint accord reached with Turkey last year in which the three countries announced a "de- had used drones to attack its naval

escalation zone" in Idlib. He said advances by the Syrian army and allied forces into Idlib could not have taken place without the support of Moscow and Tehran, which have both backed Assad in the war.

"Iran and Russia need to carry out their responsibilities. If you are guarantors, which you are, stop the regime," Cavusoglu told the state-run Anadolu news agency in an interview broadcast on Turkish television channels.

Cavusoglu's ministry summoned the Iranian and Russian ambassadors on Tuesday to complain about violations of the Idlib de-escalation zone, and he said President Tayyip Erdogan might call Russia's Vladimir Putin on the issue.

Turkey, which has been fiercely

opposed to Assad, has recently been working with his alliesRussia and Iran for a political resolution to the conflict. But Cavusoglu said the Idlib offensive was endangering those efforts.

"This isn't a simple air strike, the regime is advancing into Idlib. The goal is different here," he said. "If the aim here is to make some unwilling opposition groups go to Sochi, it will backfire," he added, referring to Russia's plans to host a congress on Syria at the end of this month.

In the first attack of its kind, Moscow said on Monday militants

and air bases in the nearby provinces of Tartus and Latakia. The Russian defence ministry's newspaper said on Wednesday the drones had been launched from the south-western part of theIdlib deescalation zone held by "moderate opposition" armed groups.

60,000 displaced

Syrian government forces have taken scores of villages in recent weeks near the provincial border between Idlib and Hama, with the help of Iran-backed militias of Iran-backed and Russian air power. They have progressed towards the Abu al-Duhur military airport, where rebels completely ousted thearmy in 2015. The forces had advanced to within three km of the air base on Wednesday, said a military media unit run by Lebanon's Hezbollah, which fights on the Syrian army's side

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the army and allied militias captured 16 villages and positions on Wednesday. They clashed with Tahrir al-Sham fighters around the airport, the Britain-based war monitoring group said. The combatants also battled from

another direction along a front south of Aleppo city, near the border with Idlib.

Tahrir al-Sham, spearheaded by al-Qaeda's former Syria branch is now the dominant insurgent force in the northwestern province of Idlib.

Rebel groups seized Idlib, which borders Turkey, in 2015 and it has since become the only Syrianprovince fully under

insurgent control. Fighting and air strikes have forced more than 60,000 people to leave their homes since November 1, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
"What I am seeing here is the use

of the presence of al Nusra and HTS as an excuse to attack civilians and moderate civilians and moderate oppositions," Cavusoglu added. oppositions, cavusogiu added.
Under last year's deal
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Russia, Turkey says it has
deployed troops to observation
points in northern Idlib, about 60

km (40 miles) north of the latest Syrian army offensive. Cavusoglu said Ankara would host a meeting on Syria with likeminded countries after the summit

in Russia's Sochi. With Russian and Iranian backing, government forces have recovered large swathes of territory from rebel factions and Islamic State

militants over the past year.

Assad and his allies now command the single largest chunk of Syria, followed by US-backed Kurdish militias who control much of the north and east Syria and are more concerned with shoring up their regional autonomy than fighting Damascus. (Courtesy The wire.in)

#### National & International News

## Judge promises Lalu Prasad 'Chura-Dahi' in jail on Makar Sankranti

Ranchi, Jan. 11: Troubles have not ended for Lalu Prasad Yadav yet as another fodder scam case inches closer to judgement day. A special CBI court in Ranchi, which is hearing one of the four cases of the two decades old fodder scam, is likely to pronounce its judgement on January 24.

In the case, which pertains to fraudulent withdrawals worth Rs 37 crore by the Bihar animal husbandry department from Chaibasa district treasury (now in Jharkhand) in the erstwhile united Bihar, Yadav is an accused along with 29 others. He has been charged with cheating, criminal conspiracy, corruption and abuse of office as public servant in

Yadav attended the court hearing of special CBI judge SS Prasad through video-conferencing from Ranchi's Birsa Munda jail, where he is serving a 3.5-year imprisonment term since January 6 in another fodder scam case.
"The court heard the arguments of

"The court nearo the arguments of the CBI counsel in this case and scheduled January 24 for announcing its judgement," Yadav's advocate Prabhat Kumar said.

On January 6, another special CBI court in Ranchi had sentenced Yadav to 3.5 years imprisonment and fined him Rs 10 lakh after holding him guilty in a case of fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 89.27 lakh from Deoghar treasury. The former Bihar CM, who was

convicted in the case on December 23 before being sentenced on January 6, has spent nearly a fortnight in the prison here. Leaders and supporters of Rashtriya Janata Dal are camping in Ranchi to lend moral support to their president and gathering outside the jail each morning. The 69 year old is yet to move Jharkhand High Court for bail.

"Sir, Makar Sankranti is round the corner. How would I eat Chura Dahi in jail," Yadav told the judge in a lighter vein. Singh, who sentenced him to jail in the Deoghar case, told Yadav that he will direct the jail authority to make suitable arrangements in this regard, those present in the courtroom said.

#### SC to hear plea for probe into judge B H Loya's death

New Delhi, Jan 11: The Supreme Court will tomorrow hear a plea seeking an independent probe into the death of special CBI judge B H Loya, who was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case.

encounter case.
A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak
Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and
D Y Chandrachud today took note of the submission seeking urgent hearing on the plea for a probe into Loya's death on December 1, 2014.

The plea was filed by Maharashtra-based journalist B R Lone. He submitted that a fair probe was needed into the mysterious death of Lova, who was hearing the sensitive Sohrabuddin encounter case in which various police officers and BJP president Amit Shah were named as parties. Loya died of a cardiac arrest in Nagpur

on December 1, 2014, when he had gone to attend the wedding of a colleague's daughter.

The issue came under the spotlight in November last year after media reports quoting his sister fuelled suspicion about the circumstances surrounding his death and its link to the Sohrabuddin case.

A total of 23 accused, including police personnel, are facing trial for their involvement in the alleged fake encounter of Sohrabuddin Shaikh, his wife Kausar Bi and their associate Tulsidas Prajapati in Gujarat in November 2005.

### Watch: In freak accident, three soldiers fall off chopper during Army Day rehearsal

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New Delhi, Jan. 11: Three jawans of the Indian Army fell off a chopper after the rope slipped off during slithering operations being conducted as part of the rehearsal for Army Day on January 15. The good news is that the Indian Army has confirmed that none of the three soldiers suffered any serious

A video going viral on social media shows soldiers sliding down the rope that is seen attached to the helicopter. Just as the third soldier begins his descent, the rope can be seen slipping off the chopper resulting in the free

According to reports, the mishap occurred on January 9 in the national capital after the slithering boom that was supposed to hold the rope broke off from the Advanced Light Helicopter during the drill, resulting in the accident.

The rehearsal was being held for the upcoming Army Day on January 15

that the Indian Army holds in the honour of Lieutenant General KM Kariappa, the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army. The ceremony is held annually on this day since 1949.

The Army Day sees all command headquarters of the Army observe this day in Lt Gen Kariappa's honour. Through special parades and display of weapons, the Army shows off its might to the world and also encourages the youth to join the force.

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