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Abstract

Limbu Social Political Institution has been playing a great role in Limbuan through Sawa Yethang Chumlung. It was more prominent in the past days. We can see its live practices even in this time too. The norms and values of this institution is seen in Mundhum and various rituals of Limbus in Limbuwan. We need to explore all aspects of this institution and practice with modern norms and values of the society.

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Acronyms

FDNF	Federal Democratic National Forum
FLSC	Federal Limbuwan State Council
FLTC	Federal Limbuwan Tumyahangs' Council
ILO	Intrnational Labour Organization
KRLUA	Kirat Religion and Literature Upliftment Association
KYC	Kirat Yakthung Chumlung
LNED	Limbu-Nepali-Enghlish-Dictionary
NBS	Nepali Brihat Shabdakosh
NSSPM	Nepal Sarkar Shanti tatha Punarnirman Mantralaya
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration for Human Rights of Indigenous People
ULFN	United Limbuwan Front, Nepal

Glossary

<i>Chethya</i>	dish
<i>das</i>	ten
<i>hang</i>	King/Leader/Respected
<i>ingmiba</i>	Middleman
<i>ke</i>	a drum like Limbus' musical instrument of Limbus
<i>khamrek</i>	peach-Prunus persica
<i>khosa</i>	a bastard, illegitimate child
<i>kipat</i>	a land ownership system of Limbus
<i>lalmohor</i>	a document having the red seal
<i>lasemi</i>	moonlike bright/small earthen-ware lamp
<i>mangba</i>	a priest of Limbus
<i>mekhim</i>	marriage
<i>mudhumsaba</i>	a Mundhum expert
<i>nga</i>	five
<i>namsemi</i>	sunlike bright/small earthen-ware lamp
<i>ongsi</i>	a religious leader of Limbus
<i>paikar</i>	a business of local bear and alcohol in local level by Limbu woman
<i>pangjum</i>	market
<i>pasing Padang</i>	members
<i>phang</i>	five
<i>phedangma/ fedangma</i>	a Limbu priest
<i>sawa</i>	all, whole
<i>samba</i>	a singer priest of Limbus

<i>sida</i>	medicine
<i>sewasabas</i>	a KkiratLimbu priest
<i>sogha</i>	malevolent spirits born after accidental death
<i>sasi mundhum</i>	oral history or legend
<i>Semi</i>	bright/light
<i>sakmura</i>	curse
<i>thibong</i>	ten
<i>thar</i>	clan
<i>Tuttu Tummyang</i>	gentlemen
<i>Tangsing Khaksing tribeni</i>	An ancestral Natural Resources Management system of <i>the confluence of three rivers</i>
<i>Tangsing</i>	a (three-night) ritual perform to protect oneself from the evil influences
<i>Thak Thakma</i>	weaving handloom
<i>ubhauri</i>	showing high season
<i>umbhung</i>	Nepal cherry tree- <i>Prunus cerasoides</i>
<i>wademma</i>	flowing away
<i>Yakla Suhangma</i>	gentlewomen
<i>Yuma</i>	an ancestral female God of Limbus
<i>Yalang/dhan nach</i>	a traditional Limbu paddy dance
<i>Yetchham thim</i>	rule and regulations of Sawa Yeethang-Limbus' ancestors
<i>Yalik</i>	hired farm labor, a wage based daily job to others farm
<i>Yeba/Ya/Yaba</i>	a priest of Limbus
<i>Yema</i>	a female Priest of Limbuan
<i>Yuma</i> female priest on Yuma's intruction	a