CHAPTER THREE

Gengop Karchung

TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS, RITUALS, CEREMONIES, & FESTIVE EVENTS

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3.2. TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS
3.2.1. Religious Traditions and Customs
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3.2.2. Agrarian Traditions and Customs
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3.2.3. Animal Husbandry
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3.2.4. Social Customs
3.2.4.1. Regulation of Social Manners
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- National Costume
- Law

3.2.4.2. Life Cycle
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- Rebirth and Reincarnation

3.2.4.3. Household Customs
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3.3. RITES AND RITUALS
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3.3.2. Buddhist Tradition
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- Summoning Rituals
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3.4. FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS
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- Jomkora
- Choekor and Wang Festivals
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- Mani and Rabney Festivals
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- Chorten Kora
- Chodpa
- Annual Ritual
- Fasting Ritual
- Summer Retreat
- Commemoration of Death Anniversary

3.4.2. Secular Festive Events
- National Events
- New Year Celebrations
- Winter Solstice
- Lochu of Sha District
- Dasain
- Meeting of Nine Evils
- Blessed Rainy Day

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