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## **CLASSIFICATION OF LIMBU MUNDHUM IN SIKKIM**

*Mundhum* texts form a large corpus of poetical oral narration which has been transmitted from generation to generation by Limbu ritual specialists, such as Phedangma, Samba, Yetchamba, Yeba/Yema and lay *mundhum* experts known as *Tumyehang*. After discussing how *Mundhum* are identified as a specific form of narrative in the Limbu community, this talk will focus on the classification of Limbu *Mundhum*. I will present the various classifications formerly elaborated by Limbu scholars and highlight the basis they used to organize *Mundhum*. I will then present the new classification that I have made and which takes the function of the *Mundhum* in Sikkim into account.

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