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NABONG
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Damthang

Paro

Thimphu

Semtokha

Dochula

Wangdue
Phodrang

Jigme Khesar
Strict Nature
Reserve

Reshi

Chapcha

Haracha

Rishop

Daga

Gorubathan

Chukha

Dagajela

Dorakha

Nagarkata
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Phuentsholing

Sarpang

Mal Bazar
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Phipsoo
Wildlife
Sanctuary

Lalaguri
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Binnaguri
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Hasimara
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

Buxa Wildlife
Sanctuary
འཕེལ་ལྷོ་

817

311

317

11

112



Lhops keep their rombu tradition alive

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For ages, the Lhop communities in Samtse have built a tomb, locally known as 'rombu'. This unique cultural practice of entombing their dead in their own land is still practised widely in Singye, Wangchuck and Sanglung-Satakha in Dorokha. There is no single house in these villages without a tomb to get to the ultimate afterlife resting valley, 'Gahala'. The highest peaks located adjacent to their villages and it is the valley.



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According to the Lhops, the tomb which is also known as the Rombu hold significant value in their lives for it connects them to their ancestors.



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For the Lhops (Doyaps) of Lhotokuchu Jigme and Lhotokuchu Singye, Dorokha, life is frozen in time through an indigenous and unique culture of entombing their dead in their own lands.





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