

Element Name:

Ghona Chanja: Kalasha ritual during the winter solstice festival (Chawmos) at the Indrein Altar to give offerings to the visiting deity – *Balumain*

Community (ies) concerned:

The element inventoried and its details mentioned only pertain to the Bumburet valley in detail. The practice of Ghona Chanja takes place in Rumbur for the deity *Balumain* as well, while in Birir the practice is carried out in reverence to the deity *Praba*. The rituals take place during the *dic* (a sacred period for the Kalasha) and are only meant for the local community. Outsiders are involved sparsely after having gone through a purification ritual.