

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA INVENTORY ON THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Name of the Element: Drigai Toluni: The Kalasha system of units for the measurement of length, width and height . Drigai = length and Toluni = unit or something to measure with

Brief Description: Drigai Toluni is the Kalasha system of units for the measurement of length, width and height. In Drigai Toluni either human body is taken as reference point or a standard sized rope i.e. (12 Hust to 24 Hust) is used as a measuring tool . The measuring system is widely used in the construction industry and is also practiced in business of textile and cloth trading.

Following units are employed and exercised under the system of Drigai Toluni.

- a) Hust – (arm) is the length/distance between the tip of middle finger and the elbow of an average adult human arm. 1 Hust is equal to 18 inches or 1 foot 6 inches.
- b) Rajuk – (rope) is another unit and is equal to 12 Hust and is measured with the help of rope.
- c) Jist- (span of a hand) is the length/distance between the thumb and little finger of an average adult human hand. 1 Jist is equal to 6 inches.
- d) Angu – (finger) is the width/distance of the middle finger and index finger of an average human hand when tightly pressed together.
- e) Guzar- (yard) , is the unit of length which is equal to 3 feet.