

Dress Code of Kirat Priest






According to the Kirat myths, during the civilization of human kind in the earth the Creator God Tageraningwabhu Mang (ཏ་གེ་འ་ནིང་ལ་བླ་མ་ང་) as supreme God manifested in the form of Theba Mang (ཐེ་བ་མ་ང་) fatherly powered God and introduced Tagawa (male dress) and also manifested in the form of Yuma Mang (ཡུ་མ་མ་ང་) motherly powered God and introduced Mekhli (མེ་ཁ་ལི) female dress which is to protect the human beings from coldness, safety for any effects and to protect the modesty and humiliation. (Theba Mundhum Page – 185 for Tagawa; Yuma Mundhum page – 171-172 for Mekhli).


As per the Mundhum, the Priests are to be truthful, faithful, devoted to the dharma and should purify their mind beneath the heart and to show the appearance by costume wearing White Dress from the time immemorial which symbolize the purity, cleanliness, patience and trustworthy. The Kirat Priests (Mangsewasaba) wear the white dresses known as Tagawa with Takhuk (ཏ་ཁུག), Paga(པ་ག) and white belt Yumfoyi (ཡུ་མ་པོ་ཡི) for male and Mekhli with Pothang (པོ་ཐང) and Yellow belt for female. Since the ancient period of time, Kirat Shaman Priests who recites the Mundhum orally; Samba, Yeba, Phedangba and Mangpa wear white dresses with various birds feather patched on the turban. The Kirat Priest who performs the religious functions by reciting the holy book (Samjik Mundhum) there is bit differences in dressing; the Priests Mangsewasaba wears pure and simple white dress with Tagawa and Hembari, and Mekhli and Hembari(white-shawl) respectively. Samdangenwarumsaba(བསམ་ངང་འོན་ལ་རུ་མ་ས་བ) /Samdangenwarumsama (བསམ་ངང་འོན་ལ་རུ་མ་ས་མ) male & female Senior Priests wears the same Tagawa and Mekhli respectively and wear a tri-colour **White, Red and Yellow** stripped belt binding from right shoulder to left waist called Pangfoyi(པང་པོ་ཡི) signifies peace, strength, and unity and indicating the designation, and the Hembari upon it which is also worn by Kirat profounder Mahaguru Falgunanda and the followers continuously practices the system. Fortunately the Kirat priest wears the Hembari which represents the similarity on costume and custom of our Nation. Takhuk (ཏ་ཁུག) & Paga(པ་ག) cap with strip and Pothang(པོ་ཐང) napkin to cover ladies head are worn during the religious functions only.

Dress code of Mangsewasaba (མངས་བཟའ་པོ) Male Priests



Details of Mangsewasaba (ཚམས་པ་ལོང་མ་ལོང་པོ) Male Priests Dress

Srl. No.	Descriptions	Picture
1	<p>Tagawa ཏ་ག་མ:</p> <p>Gents dress like Gho with yellow strip on the collar (Gong).</p>	
2	<p>Takhuk (ཏ་ཅུག) & Paga (པ་ག་):</p> <p>White Cap with yellow strip. Paga is a tie to bend on the head with cap, but here it is designed by the yellow strip instead of extra tie.</p>	
3	<p>Yumfoyi ཡུམ་ཕོའི:</p> <p>White color belt for gents.</p>	
4	<p>Pangfoyi པང་ཕོའི:</p> <p>Yellow, Red and White tri-color striped cross belt symbolizing Peace, Strength & Purity respectively hang through right shoulder towards left waist (གཞུང་པ་ལོང་པོ) only for Samdanggenwarumsaba (ཚམས་པ་ལོང་མ་ལོང་པོ).</p>	
5	<p>Hembari ཧེམ་པ་རི:</p> <p>White cloth like Kabni (བཀའ་ཐེ) without fringe(Rep): Yellow, Red and White tri-color striped on both end of Hembari for Samdanggenwarumsaba (ཚམས་པ་ལོང་མ་ལོང་པོ).</p>	


6	Hembari རྟེན་པ་རི་: Yellow color single striped on both end of Hembari for Sewasaba (ཚོས་པ་རྒྱུང་པ་མོ་).	
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Dress code of Female Priests



Details of Mangsewasama (ཚོས་པ་མོ་) Female Priests Dress

Srl. No.	Descriptions	Picture
1	Mekhli (མེཀ་ལི་): Ladies dress (མོ་གོ་) like Chhupa.	

2	<p>Pothang (པོ་ཐང་):</p> <p>Piece of white cloth (napkin) with yellow strip round to cover the head.</p>	
3	<p>Pangfoyi (པང་ཕོའི་):</p> <p>Yellow, Red and White tri-color striped belt symbolizing Peace, Strength & Purity hang through right shoulder towards left waist (གཞུང་རས) only for Samdanggenwarumsama (ཚོས་པ་གོང་མ་ཚོ་).</p>	
4	<p>Yumfoyi ཡུམ་ཕོའི་:</p> <p>Yellow cloth belt to tie on the waist.</p>	
5	<p>Hembari ཧེམ་པ་རི་:</p> <p>White cloth Shawl (བཀའ་ཞེ་)with short fringe(Rep). Yellow, Red and White tri-color striped on both end of Hembari for Samdanggenwarumsama (ཚོས་པ་གོང་མ་ཚོ་).</p>	
6	<p>Hembari ཧེམ་པ་རི་:</p> <p>White cloth Shawl (བཀའ་ཞེ་)with short fringe(Rep). Yellow color single striped on both end of Hembari for Sewasama (ཚོས་པ་རྒྱུང་པ་ཚོ་).</p>	