

V. ICH Transmission System

Just as other countries have system of designating '**Living National Treasure or Living Human Treasure**', Bhutan does not have this system yet. Considering gradual change and disappearing of traditional knowledge and customs due to modernization, it is high time for Bhutan to institute this system to designate a certain individuals or groups who embodied intangible national cultural values as living human treasures, thus becoming eligible for special protection and support.

At present ICH information or knowledge/skills is transmitted mainly through following mediums/vehicles: through parents-children through means of oral tradition and, practice and learning; through training-learning in the schools and institutes; through practice out of individual interests. Thus, skills have been passed down from parent to child and from teacher to student through traditional apprenticeship training system.

Realizing the importance of safeguarding ICH, the government has started recognizing those individuals with exceptional expertise in the field of ICH with honour and incentives. If fund comes through, the National Library and Archives will carry out mapping/identifying of individuals and groups who embody ICH throughout the country.