GLOSSARY OF LOCAL TERMS


Abhor : The present Adi tribe was called so.

Abotani : Common ancestor of the Galos.

Adam : Traditional disc and bowl; a valuable property.

Agam-Layap : Small ritual by which a marriage is consummated.

Ali or Opin : Title or Surname or Clan.

Ane-Donyi : Mother Sun – The Galos consider the Sun as God.

Arct : Rate or Price.

Buliang : Village Council of the Apatanis.

Donyi-Poloism : New religion of the Adis.

Emo : Arrow fitted with an iron point and grinded poison.

Gam : Village authority appointed by the government.

Gomin : A messenger to assist the Monpa Tsorgen.

Hurin-Namrin : A big ritual among the Galos in which the entire villager is invited to a feast.

Jikte : A prominent priest.

Jung : Village Council of the Sherdukpons.

Jung Me : Members of the Sherdukpen Village Council.

Keba Abo : Village elders. 
Kebang : Village Council of the Minyong-Padam group of the Adia.
Keden : A traditional friendship maintained throughout the generation.
Lako : A kind of fine or punishment wherein the Keba snatch a household item from a person who do not obey the Keba decision.
Mangma : Panel of assessors to assist the Monpa Tsorgen.
Mele or Razz : Village Council of the Akas.
Mokchup : Village Council of the Khamptis.
Neppe-Nyida : A kind of marriage in advance wherein the marriage is negotiated before the birth of the prospective couple.
Ngothun : Village Council of the Nockte.
Nyame Renam/Ginam : Sexual relationship with the wife of endogamous clan brother.
Nyibuh : Priest.
Nyida Tanam : Marriage proposal.
Nyijik : Priest.
Nyiji-Nyira : Two broad divisions of the Galos but no more adhered to.
Nyikok : A prominent orator with knowledge about the tradition, precedents and customary laws.
Nyitom-Ponu : Traditional songs and dance.
Nyochi : Name of an ancestor.

Nyoi : Name of an ancestor.

Omel Arêh : Bride price.

Opo or Poka : Local wine popularly knows as Apong.

Pakbo : Male slave.

Pakne : Female slave.

Pedong Nane : Mother of all beings (Adi).

Polo : Moon.

Rutum : Influential and wealthy person.

Sitem : Clan brother of the same generation.

Tadok : Beads or traditional necklace.

Tamlo : Poison trees or plants.

Thik Akhao : Village headman of the Sherdukpen.

Togu : A grand marriage celebration wherein number of mithuns are sacrificed.

Tsoblas : Representative of the Tsorgen in different villages.

Tsorgen : Chief of the Monpa Council.

Tso-Tsangzom : Village Council of the Monpas.

Uyi or Uyo : Deities.


Wangham : Wancho chief.