**GALO**

The Galos are admirably colourful and comparatively advanced tribe primarily inhabiting West Siang, Lower Siang and Leparada districts of Arunachal Pradesh, but are also sparsely distributed in East Siang and Upper Subansiri districts as well as in some pockets in Pakke Kessang and Itanagar Capital Region. The tribe has been erroneously recorded as Gallong since 1950 but got it rectified to Galo under Constitution (Schedule Tribe) Order (Amendment) Act 2011. Numbering around eighty thousand in population, the Galos have their own language called Galo which is of Tibeto Burman language family and descendants of Abotani. To the popular myths of Galos, Jimmi was the creator of Medo (sky) and Sìchì (the earth) from which descended Abotani, their mythical ancestor. They are adherents of Donyi Polo faith, thus are nature worshippers, in other words, animists. Mopin is their major community festival celebrated in the month of April every year for continuously 4-5 days with great enthusiasm and rejuvenation.