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ON LECHKHUMI ETHNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS (EXPEDITION REPORT 2016)

The Lechkhumi ethnographic expedition aimed at collecting the materials that depicted ethnic history, material and spiritual culture, traditions and customs of the Georgians; describing current rural problems, as well as social, cultural and economic situation in rural areas; maintaining and developing Kartvelian mentality and ethnopsychology in students: deepening interest towards national cultural legacy; improving and advancing learning process and research; promoting accessibility of linguistic, historical and ethnographic materials obtained during fieldworks.

The analysis of Lechkhumi ethnographic materials provide an opportunity to investigate the issues such as: current economic, legal and social problems in rural areas, domestic and community relations, custom law, religious, economic and social traditions, anthroponyms, various customs and rituals, memorial culture, epitaphs; Lechkhumian lexical units, prospects of development of tourism in Lechkhumi, a unique and authentic culture of the Georgians reflected in folk medicine, the current issues of human rights, modified ethnopsychological specificities, etc.