

Glossary

Babu- A Bengali title equivalent to Mr.

Bahe- It is a distorted form of the word 'Baba he' by which the Rajbansis generally used to address a person.

Bangal-Kheda Andolone- An anti-Bengali agitation in Assam by which the Bengalis residing in Assam were forcefully expelled from the state (1959-62).

Bhadralok- Bengali gentleman.

Bhanga-Kshatriya- a Kshatriya who have failed to observe scriptural rituals.

Bhatiya- the term is used by the local Rajbansis to the outsider to their land, Bhati means lower land therefore those people had been coming from Bhati land were called as Bhatiya.

Bigha- Land measurement.

Bratya- Kshatriya- Degenerated or fallen Kshatriya.

Chukanidar- Tenure holder below Jotedar (owner of land).

Coolie- Indian or Chinese hired labourer.

Dar- Chukanidar- An under tenant of Chukanidar.

Dardar –Chukanidar- Tenure holder below a Dar- Chukanidar.

Izaradar- Lease –holder of land.

Jagosangeet- A kind of song which appeals people to awaken.

Jote/Jotedar- Cultivable land/ holder of a proprietary agricultural land or Jot directly from the state or the zamindar.

Adhiyar- Half crop sharer.

Jotedari-Adhiyari- The system, where Jotedars make agreement with Adhiyars.

Kachhari- The Office of the Zamindar or land owners.

Kaibartya- Caste amongst the Hindus who originally were peasants.

Kalapani- The dark- coloured waters of an ocean.

Mandali- An assemblage.

Mandali- Samiti- A congregation of members of a particular association.

Maqtab- Muslim traditional primary school.

Milankshetra- A meeting place.

Paiks- Infantrymen, guides armed with staff and also with other weapons.

Palagan- Narrative opera.

Panda- A Brahmin (mostly of Orissa) priest acting as a guide to pilgrims at holy places.

Pandit- A learned Hindu versed in Sanskrit and Hindu scriptures and arts and science.

Pandit Shrestha- most learned and well versed in scriptures.

Pathshala- Indigenous Hindu primary school.

Shaktadharma- A kind of religion by which one worships Sakti.

Sebadharma- The sacred task of serving others.

Tols- Indigenous Sanskrit schools, characteristic of the ancient Hindu system of education.

Yajna- Vedic sacrifice, a religious sacrifice.