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- Anjuman:** An association or society of Muslims in Bengal.
- Anna:** The Sixteenth part of a rupee.
- Ashraf:** Respectable class of Muslims in India.
- Atraf:** Lower class of Muslims in India.
- Aulia:** Holy man of Muslims.
- Baidya:** One of an upper- class Hindu Caste.
- Baishya:** A member of the third caste amongst Hindus.
- Bakr Id:** One of the chief Muslim festivals.
- Barkandaz:** A troops.
- Behadayits:** The conservative class of Muslims.
- Bhaddaralok:** Middle class gentleman.
- Bil:** Small lake, Marsh.
- Bramho Samaj:** A council of Brahmans for theological and social discussion and arbitration.
- Chakla:** An administrative division of a country during Mughal period normally consisting of many parganas.
- Dakatis:** Bandit.
- Dhobi:** A washer man (by trade or caste).
- Diara:** Riverside.
- Diwani:** The right of collecting and receiving the revenue; hence *Diwan*: The chief officer in charge of the revenue department under the Mughal system of administration.

Fakir:	Ascetic people in Muslim.
Faujdari:	A tax levied for the support of the Police.
Ganja:	A kind of drug. Botanical name: <i>Cannabis sativum</i>
Hari Sabha:	An assembly to discuss the glory of Lord Hari.
Hedayits:	The progressive class of Muslims.
Ijaradar:	Intermediary class of people in Bengal same as Jotdar, Talukdar.
Jollah:	Weaver of Muslim community.
Kayastha:	A caste amongst the Hindus.
Khal:	Canal.
Khan Bahadur:	Title of a noble class.
Khan Saheb:	Title used by the members of noble class Muslims.
Madrassa:	Higher school of Muslim.
Mahisya:	A caste amongst Hindus.
Maktab:	Elementary school of Muslim.
Moffussail:	Small town.
Mollah:	A Muslim theologian.
Moulvi:	Islamic law scholar or teacher.
Muchi:	Cobbler.
Muhharam:	The Muslim festival.
Namasudra:	A Hindu community placed low in the social order.
Nawab:	Title of the Governor of Bengal in late Mughal period. Title used by some Zamindar.

Nizamat Adalat: The court of the Nazim. **Nazim:** A viceroy; a governor; the title of the Nawabs of Bengal.

Pabnee: With the speed of the wind.

Pandit: Learned Hindu scholar. teacher.

Pargana: A former administrative division.

Pathsala: An indigenous elementary educational institution.

Raja: King. Title of a big Zamindar.

Rajbahadur: Title of honour conferred by the British Government.

Rajbanshi: A lowly Hindu caste chiefly of North Bengal.

Rai Shaheb: Government honour.

Rupee: Monetary unit of Indian Government.

Santal: An aboriginal tribe of India.

Sannyasi: Ascetic people in Hindu.

Sicca: A silver currency issued by the Mughal Emperor and adopted by the English East India Company.

Swadeshi: An Indian national movement favouring home industries and boycott of foreign goods.

Thana: Police Station.

Toll: A school run by a Pandit. especially for imparting Sanskrit learning.

Zamindar: A landlord.

Zilla: District.

Zilla School: Government Higher Secondary School located at district town.