

Glossary

Abwab	Sub taxes (Taxes other than formal taxes)
Adibasis	Tribal people who were original inhabitants of the district, Jalpaiguri like other parts of the Country.
Adhi, Adhiari	Cultivation with 50% share (50% for Sharecroppers and another 50% for Landholders)
Adhiar	Sharecroppers
Amalnama	A written order given to a revenue collector.
Amin	Person who measures land
Anna	An old coin or paisa, one Anna is equivalent to $\frac{1}{16}$ rupee or 16 Anna is equal to one rupee
Basti	Homestead, Land for dwelling place
Bandar	Trade centre
Bata	Banyan tree
Bhatiali	A kind of folk song sung by the boatman.
Benami	Nameless, persons whose name was recorded falsely to hold land, practically they had no existence.
Batris Hazari	Baikunthapur Pargana was called 'Batris Hazari' for increasing revenue to Rs. 32,000/-
Bhaiphota	A kind of ceremony where a sister expresses well wish to her brother.
Bhuta	Paddy supplied as a loan by the Jotdar or Giri to the sharecroppers at the time of cultivation.
Bena	A musical instrument of the Rajbanshis
Bheri	Low land with full of water using for fishery and other purposes
Bigha	A measure of land, one bigha is equal to about $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre.
Biye`	Marriage
Barga,Bargadari	Cultivation with an $\frac{1}{2}$ share ($\frac{1}{2}$ for Sharecroppers and $\frac{1}{2}$ for land holders)
Bodo	A tribal community of North – eastern region of India, originated from Indo – mongoloid race.
Bokhu	Over coat & Half Pant used by Drucpa
Bargadar	Sharecropper
Babu	Middle class Bengali gentleman
Baishakhi	Puja /Worship is performed in the month of Baishakha (April/May) among the Rajbanshis
Bishahari	Worship is performed by the local priest in left hand with uttering the mantras in local dialect /Rajbanshi language
Chakla	An area of land or estate for revenue collection
Chalta	An edible acid fruit
ChailonBati	Famous tradition followed by the Nasya Sheikh using a wicker-tray filled with banana,lamp in favour of groom
Chheka	Pieces of vegetables onion, garlic, chilly fried in a little oil, then some water with soda to prepare the food.
Chhukri	Dancer
Chira, Chura	One kind of food making of fried paddy, flatten rice
Chukani	Holding of a chukanidar (Middle ranking tenure holder)

Chukanidar	A middle ranking tenure holder, a class of under tenants of the Jotdars.
Coolie	Tea labourer
Dakhil Kharij	Recording of land in the record of right
Dar – Chukani	Holding of a dar chukanidar
Dar-Chukanidar	A class of under tenants of the Chukanidars.
Dar-a-dar Chukanidar	A class of under tenants of a dar – Chukanidar.
Dahi, Dai	Curd
Daggu	A piece of cloth cover the heads of Garo
Debraja	Head of the secular administration in Bhutan.
Debdi	Metal Bell
Derabari	Interest of the loan given by sharecroppers to the Jotdars or giri generally in crops
Dewniya	Headmen of different villages of North Bengal many of whom became jotdars
Dewan Deo / Dewan Deb	Important designation of the Koch administration who took a vital role in economic issues of the State.
Dharmaraja	A spiritual head in the administration and religion of Bhutan.
Diwani	A right or deed to collect revenue
Dihi	A unit or areas of revenue collection in Cooch Behar State
Duar or Dooar	Door or gate way to enter into Bhutan from plain.
Don	Measuring land, 86 Bigha
Dosti	Friendship
Dotora	A musical instrument of the Rajbanshis
Durbar	A royal place or Court of a king
Dravida	A human race
Duardar	A title or rank in the Western Dooars given by the king of Coochbehar who played a role to protect the boundary area of the State.
Dzonkha	Dialect of Drucpa
Eu	Drink of Toto
Gabar	A title of the tribal people in the Western Dooars who were headmen of the villages
Gangi	Guersey
Garo	A tribal community originated from Indo – Mongoloid race
Gamchha	A cotton Dhoti wear by the Garos
Garom Puja	A Celebration of Toto
Ghi	Clarified butter
Ghat	Landing stage (On the bank of a river)
Giri	Land owner or intermediaries of the land the term used in North Bengal particularly.
Gochhum	Like a Semij of Drucpa Women
Gochubona	This worship is observed before growing plants of paddy in the land among the Rajbanshis
Gur	Molasses
Harisabha	A religious gathering of Hindus particularly by the name of lord Hari or Krishna.

Haria	A kind of local Wine
Hathi bandha	Levy collected from sharecroppers by Jotdars for the maintenance of elephant of the Jotdars.
Hat	Weekly rural market which assembled in a week or twice in a week.
Hal	Plough. A measure of land one hal means about 15 bighas of land.
Halua	Sharecropper
Halud Makha	Occasion observed by the Rajbanshis & Muslims with using Turmeric, cotton sari& napkin in the Marriage
Haziri	Daily wages
Huji	Priest of Garo
Ijaradar	A class of lease holder who obtained land by lease or agreement to collect revenue.
Jagir	A specific area of land granted to the mansabdar during the Mughal period instead of their salary
Jatra Puja	In the day of Vijoya Dashami it is observed among the Rajbanshis
Jharphuk	Exorcise
Jotdar	A class of tenant or intermediaries or land holder particularly it was used in North Bengal.
Jote	Holding of a land owner, one jote formed with some areas of land particularly the term jote was used in North Bengal.
Jotdari, Jotdary	Tenure of a Jotdar.
Jhum cultivation	Shifting cultivation done by tribal people in the hilly areas or forest.
Jumma	Payment of a fixed deposit particularly for revenue purposes
Kabuliyat	A written agreement of the tenants by which they were bound to give revenue to their superior
Kalabou	Actually a plant mythically described as the wife of Lord Ganesha.
Kalazar	A disease
Karja	A kind of loan, particularly given by Jotdar to the sharecropper.
Karojan	Bhutani officials in the Western Dooars, particularly they were appointed to collect revenue
Katham	A class of revenue collector appointed by the Bhutan Government in the Western Dooars who played a significant role in collecting revenue during Bhutanese rule
Kabiraj	A village doctor who treats the patients in a indigenous manner.
Kabulis	A money – lending business class migrated from Kabul.
Kainagata	This worship Observing by Rajbanshis with the help of Adhikary / Brahmana
Kharif	Crops harvested in winter season
Khatriya	A social group of India divided in accordance with their professions (warrior) in the Rig – vedie Age, Later on it turned into a casteism.
Khasland	land of Government
Khatian	A map where preserve the record of land
Khasmahal	Crown lands where Government was the owner of lands directly.
Khalisa Land	Government's land during the Mughal period.
Khatian	Map or record of land in micro level
Kira	A Cloth of Drucpa women
Kirata	Non – Aryan indigenous people of North East India was called kirata by the

	Aryans.
Kist	Installment
Kistabundi	Record of revenue collection.
Lathi	A stick
Lungi	A kind of male dress of the Mahammadan
Mahajan	A money lender
Maisal	A buffalo keeper
Madesia	Tribal people of Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling disatricts immigrated from Chhotanagpur.
Mahal	Unit of revenue collection in Coochbehar State.
Mantra	Words recited in prayer to God
Mankachu	The arum
Magon	Begging
Manod	Voluntary promise
Maund	A measure of weight, one mound is equal to 80 pounds.
Mandal	A village headman, particularly in the tribals.
Masdal	A kind of Pulse
Marwari	A merchant class came from Rajasthan
Mech	A tribal community of Jalpaiguri district
Mittar	Friend
Mouza	A unit or specific area of revenue collection.
Munda	A tribal community
Mulandar	A class of under tenants of Jotdar.
Nabanna	This worship is observed at the time of collecting new crops among the Rajbanshis
Narayani rupee	Currency of the Coochbehar State under Koch kingdom
Nazir Deo or Deb	Important designation of Koch Kingdom who took a vital role in the administrative issues of the State.
Nengti	A piece of cloth used by a very poor Rajbanshi
Nij kholan	One's own threshing ground
Operation Barga	An act or method introduced by the Left Front Government by which sharecroppers were recorded in the record of rights of land
Oraon	A tribal community emigrated from Chhotanagpur into Dooars as a tea labourer.
Ol	Kohlrabi (loose) turnip
Pargana	A unit or specific area of revenue collection.
Pagga	Turban of Garo
Palatiya	A kind of dramatic presentation using of folk song of north bengal
Patta	A lease or right granted by the Government to the cultivators
Pana	A kind of loan that was cattle supplied by the Jotdar to the sharecropper for cultivation
Panchayet	Administrative system of the villages for developmental perspectives comprising with people of the villages by election
Pattan, pattani	Sharecropper or under tenants of a Jotdar.

Pelka	Spinach, Chilli, Garlic, Onion with soda& water & boil it to make the soup.
Petbhata	Land granted to the relatives by the king of Coochbehar as a rent free
Plantain Dahi	Banana and curd
Proja	An agreement on land given to the intermediaries by Jotdars
Pushna	The Hindus & Muslims observed this occassion by eating the cakes in the Day of Poush Sankranti
Raikot	Title of the Royal king of Baikunthapur, means head of the fort.
Ryot	A class of tenant who had customary right in the land.
Rishi	Chief deity of Garo
Rupit	low land
Sadar	District head quarter.
Sadh	A ceremony for giving desired articles of food to a pregnant woman.
Sardar	Leaders or intermediaries who supplied labourer from Chhotanagpur and Santal pargana in the tea – gardens and obtained commission.
Sal	A tree botanical name shorea Robasta
Santal	A tribal community
Sanad	Deed or charter
Sannasi	Wandering mendicants in Hindu sects.
Shak	Spinage
Shoera	A wild tree
Shradhya	Funeral
Sidal – sutki	Sutka means dry fishes & sidal is made by crushing of small dry fishes, mixed with spices, turmeric & chilly to cook the food.
Suba	Province, Divided the Mughal State into different provinces or subas.
Subah	A class of Bhutanese officer who were at the highest level of Bhutanese administration in the Western Dooars for revenue collection and other purpose
Tarpan	Offering of water to the God
Tahsil	A Specific area of land the term used for the collection of revenue
Tahsildar	A class of revenue collector.
Taluk	A unit for revenue collection consisting of a number of mauzas
Thana	A police station.
Tahutdar	Revenue collector of Coochbehar State appointed by the king into taluk
Terai	Foothill areas of the Himalaya
Tolagandi	A kind of tax or cess were taken by the agents of Jotdar or Zamindar for selling goods in the hat (weekly market)
Toto	A tribal community of Toto para in Jalpaiguri District.
Tulsi	Holy basil
Tuktak	A method of Charming
Varna	Caste
Zamindar	Landlord or proprietor of land in a large scale