

## LIST OF GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<i>Adibasi</i>	Tribal People.
<i>Ajal</i>	A traditional Muslim status or class category. The term used for the converted Muslim groups, especially from middle or lower castes Hindus. Ajals are the indigenous Muslims of India. They enjoy a low status in Muslim society.
<i>Ajan</i>	Call for prayer.
<i>Amir</i>	A rich man or head of the group.
<i>Aqiqa</i>	A religious ritual observed by sacrificing the cattle for seeking God's blessings for long life and good health of child.
<i>Asraf</i>	A traditional Muslim status or class category. The term use to identify Muslim claiming descendants from any of the four groups of foreign taking out or origin, namely- Sayyad, Shaik, Mughal and Pathan. They enjoyed a higher status in Muslim society.
<i>Astamangala</i>	The newly married husband comes to live with his wife in her natal home for a day after marriage.
<i>Atar</i>	Smear scented oil
<i>Atrap</i>	Non-elite Peasant
<i>BachharPahela</i>	First day of every new Bengali year
<i>Bahas</i>	Religious debates.
<i>Bapdai Deoa</i>	Establish father as a relation.
<i>Barjatri</i>	Marriage party i.e., the bridegroom's procession.
<i>Bhadrolok</i>	Educated Bengali Hindus
<i>Bhatia</i>	People from downstream (Bhati), migrants from South Bengal.
<i>Bibi</i>	Lady or woman.
<i>Borkha</i>	Loose garment generally of Black colour covering the entire body with veiled opening for the eyes, worn by Muslim women. The use of Borkha among the Women of Bengal Muslim community is very uncommon.
<i>ChailanBati</i>	Giving blessings with lamp.
<i>Chaitra Sankranti</i>	Last day of Chaitra month.

<i>Chapkan</i>	A long shirt.
<i>Cheka</i>	One kind of dish made of dryfish
<i>Darga</i>	The Muslim Shrine and also to mean the abode of a Saint or Pir.
<i>Dhai</i>	Untrained professional midwife who help at the time of delivery at home.
<i>Dostipata</i>	Making new friends.
<i>Fetra</i>	Part of the meat from sacrificed animals in <i>Korbani</i> .
<i>Ghee</i>	Purified Butter
<i>Git Gaoa</i>	Singing of Marriage songs.
<i>Gosalpana</i>	When new seeds of Paddy are showing
<i>Hadish</i>	Tradition i.e., the recorded sayings of the Prophet.
<i>Haji</i>	The person who have performed Hajj at Mecca.
<i>Hajj</i>	Pilgrimage to Mecca.
<i>Halal</i>	Permissible in Islam. Also, to mean ritual purification.
<i>Halud Makha</i>	Using turmeric on face and body at the day of Marriage.
<i>Imam</i>	Religious leader and also to mean the Religious specialists (Heads) of the congregational prayer.
<i>Jin</i>	Spirits.
<i>Jumma</i>	Friday congregation prayer, which is considered as auspicious by the Muslims.
<i>Kalema</i>	A pillar of Islam which believes in one God and Muhammad as its last Prophet.
<i>Kazi</i>	The Muslim Judge. Also, to mean the Muslim Marriage Register.
<i>Khatna</i>	Circumcision rites for the male child, properly known as Musalmani.
<i>Lungi</i>	Lower dress of the male.
<i>Majlis</i>	Social or religious gathering of the people.
<i>Mannat Kara</i>	Wish to God or Allah during bad times.

<i>Masjid</i>	Mosque i.e., the house of Prayer.
<i>Mazar</i>	Abode or Tomb of Muslim Saint or Pir.
<i>Moulavi</i>	Traditional Muslim religious specialist or Muslim Law scholar, also called as molla i.e., the Muslim priest and teacher
<i>Mukhe Bhat</i>	Ceremony of putting rice into a child's mouth for the first time.
<i>Munshi</i>	The incharge of village council. The term is also mean the Teacher of Maktab or Madrasha.
<i>Nashyas</i>	Converted of recent past, they also known as Nao-Musalman, i.e., the new Muslims (Rajbangsi Muslims).
<i>Nasihatanamas</i>	Manuals of religious instructions.
<i>Nasto</i>	Fallen or degraded in society.
<i>Nayabhat</i>	When new paddy taking at home.
<i>Nosb</i>	A drinker.
<i>Pahariya</i>	People from the Hills (Nepali).
<i>Pasa Khela</i>	Playing Pasa.
<i>Pir</i>	Muslim saint. Also called as Safi or Murshid.
<i>Pusna</i>	Cake made of rice meal.
<i>Qurbani</i>	Sacrifice.
<i>Rajbangsi</i>	A local Hindu caste group (Majorly found in Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri).
<i>Roza</i>	Fasting.
<i>Salam</i>	The Islamic way of greeting by bowing down, with the right hand raised to the forehead as a mark of respect.
<i>Samandha</i>	Negotiation for Marriage.
<i>Shamiana</i>	Marquee.
<i>Shariyat</i>	The sacred laws of Islam.
<i>Shidal</i>	One kind of dish made of Dry fish.

<i>Sona Kapar</i>	During marriage gifts of Gold Ornaments and saris.
<i>Swad Khaoano</i>	Giving foods of woman's choice during pregnancy.
<i>Talaq</i>	Divorce.
<i>Wazmahfils</i>	Gatherings to hear religious sermons.
<i>Wuju</i>	Ritual purification of body prior to prayer i.e., Namaj.