## **GLOSSARY**

Aagar: A kind of perfume tree

Abwab: Illegal cesses claimed by and remunerated to revenue collectors

Adhi: Share-Cropping system

Adhiar: A person who cultivates the land of another person on condition of

delivering a share of quantity of the produce of the land to the person, who

is the owner of land

Aghan: An Assamese month

Ahu/Ashu: A variety of paddy (rice)

Akash Banti: Sky lamp

Akandaz Jarip: A kind of land survey

Akhoi: Parched Rice

Akhyan: Ancient belief or legendary story

Aman: A category of rice

Ambubachi: A sacred festival observed by Hindu people

Amin: Surveyor of the Estate

Anna: A fraction of one rupee

Bao: A variety of paddy

Bankar: Forest tax

Badyakar: Makers of drum and other musical instruments

Baidya: Physician

Banku: A hoe

Barkandaz: Retainer of the landlord

Barpatgeerer Hangama: Disturbance of Barpatgeere

Bar Rani: Elder Queen

Badshah: Title used by the Mughal Kings

Barghar: Living Room

Barua: A surname

Barui: Growers of Pan (betel)

Baniya: Goldsmith

Bandi-Beti: Servant

Barshik: Annually or Yearly

Barsha: A spear

Batal: A chisel

Bathou Brai: God Siva

Bathan: Cow or buffalo shed

Bazaar: Market

Beel: Lake

Behera: Cultivator and palanquin bearer

Bhakata: A devotee

Bhagottar: A Land grant bestowed to a person of special favour or liking

Bhedailota: A green leafy medicinal creeper herb

Bhiksha: One kind of tax collected from tenants during the time of heavy

expenditure occasion in zamindar's residence

Bheti: Homestead land

Bhoralghar: Granary

Bhup: Title used by the kings of Bijni Dynasty

Bida: An agricultural implement

Bigha: A measure of land in India varying from a third of an acre to an acre

Birina/Ikra: Reed

Bohag: First month of an Assamese year

Boka Dhan: One variety of Sali Rice

Borkopah: A variety of cotton

Bor Manimuni: Indian Pennywort

Brahmottar: Land grant given to the Brahmanas free from revenue charges

Brahmottar Bhogi: Who are entertained with free land grant

Brahmana: Priestly upper caste people

Brahmi: Ayurvedic herb

But: Gram

Bwisagu: New year festival of Bodo community

Char: A river island or banks seasonally submerged in water

Chalani: A sieve

Chandina: One category of land tenure system

Chakran: Grant of land to Estate Servant

Chamar: Shoemaker or leather dealer

Chanch: An Adze

Chaudhury: A class accountable for collecting revenues

Chitha: One kind of form related with land revenue system

Chira: Flattened Rice

Choraghar: Reception Hall

Chotal: Courtyard

Chunari: Lime burner

Chukanidar: Upper class tenant of the Jotedar who pays fixed rate of revenue

Churia: Traditional long type of shirt for men

Chunbun: Forest permit fee

Daivajana: A Hindu Astrologer

Dak Salami: A premium on land settlement in auction payable by the successful bidder

Dao: A long knife

Daodini: Female Shamen

Dala: Article used for cleaning rice

Darbar: A term for court in Urdu

Darkhast Salami: A sort of court fee of the zamindary katchary

Dakhil Kharij Salami: A premium realised for mutation of names in zamindary katchary

Darzi: Tailor

Dattaka: Adopted Son

Daul Utsava: Celebration of Hindu festival Holi

Deb/Dev: Surname used by the Bijni Raja

Deodhani: A dance associated with snake Goddess Manasa

Devottar/Debottar: Land grants to temple which was revenue free

Dewan: Manager of an Estate

Devalaya: Hindu pilgrimage site

Dhanuk: Domestic servant

Dhap Salami: A complementary fee realised from the leading tenants

Dharmottar: Land grants for religious purposes which was free from revenue

Dheki: A mortar

Dhekisal: Room of mortar which used for pounding grains

Dhuti: Traditional cloth use by males, which is an unstitched piece of cloth

usually 5 yards long that is tied around the waist and legs

Dhuma: Problems start because of any disaster, quarrel or invasion

Dhol: A musical instrument

Dhoba: Washerman

Dila: A wooden rod to connect the plough and yoke

Dihi Katchary: Sub-Divisional Head quarter

Diwani: Right to collect revenues and decide the civil cases

Don: A basket measure containing five sers

Dome/Dom: Fishing caste

Domasi: Harvest festival

Dokhona: Traditional dress of Bodo-Kachari women

Dolibari: A wooden mallet for breaking the clods

Dui Ranir Dhuma: Problems created because of quarrel between two queens

Duar: A mountain pass

Eri/Endi: A silk product made by Samia Cynthia ricini

Farman: Charter (Commonly issued by Mughal Emperor)

Faujdari: Power to decide criminal cases

Gaddi: Post or seat

Gahan: Wheat

Ganak: Assamese Astrologer

Gaonburah: Village headman

Gamusa: A Short cloth used as a towel

Gandharva: Secret marriage

Geet: Song

Ghanta: Musicial instrument used during the time of Hindu religious ceremony

Gharami: Thatcher and house builder

Gorkati: A tax collected for cutting of valuable tree

Gola: Warehouse or shop

Gopa/Goala: Community of Milkman

Gohalighar: Cowshed

Gosaighar: Place of worship

Gossain: Preacher

Gur: Jaggery

Guru: Religious Preacher

Hal: Plough

Hat: A local periodical market

Halwai: Confectioner

Halowa: Ploughman

Halua Keot: Fishing Caste

Harijan: Sweeper caste

*Hira*: Potters

Hulabari or bankha: A pole slung across the shoulder for carrying burden

*Ijara*: Farming lease

*Instafa*: Surrender of land holding

Jab: Barley

Jama: Total revenue demand or assessment of rent

Jamabandi: Rent Roll

Jari: Rope

Jaliya Keot: Fisherman

Jalkar: Fee charged on use of water for transporting goods

Jamanavis: Revenue officer

*Jatra*: One kind of folk theatre

Jawan: Soldier

Jau/Jumai: Rice Beer

Jhawliar Dhuma: Chaotic situation which arose at the time of attack of Jhawlia Bhutia on

Bijni Raj Estate

Jote: Grant of land to person whose land was resumed by the estate

Jotedar: Person having right to hold land for the purpose of bringing it under

cultivation wholly or partly by himself or by establishing tenants on it

Jogi: Silkworm rearer

Jola: Muslim weaver

Joyal: Wooden yoke

Kaisar-i-Hind: Award for distinguished service in the advancement of the interest of the

British Raj

*Kamar*: Blacksmith

Kahar: Palanquin bearer; domestic servant

Katha: A smaller measure of land

Katchary: Zamindary Office

Kala Azar: A kind of fever called black-fever

Karari Ashu: A catgory of tenant

Karta: A term which was used to address Zamindar

*Karikar*: Confectioner; Artisan

Kassari: Coppersmith

Kabuliat: Counterpart of lease

Kachi: A reaping sickle

*Kanungo*: Revenue officials supervising the work in respect of inspection

Kapali: Cotton spinner

Katora: An agricultural tool

*Kati*: A month in Assamese calender

Kati Bihu/Kati Puja: A religious festival without any merry-making

*Kaviraj*: Rural doctors who prepare herbal medicines

*Keya/Kainya*: Marwari merchant

Kendu: A variety of plant used for manufacture local dyes

*Khazna*: Tribute

*Khas*: Unlease land

*Khar:* Homemade salt

Khatians: Abstract of classes of land

Khanta: An agricultural tool

*Kheer Pitha:* One type of Pancake

Kherai Puja: A Bodo religious festival

Khorahi: Basket used for stowing rice

Khowa: Class lived on manual work

Khubli or Pakhli: Vessel in which paddy is husked

Kists: Instalment

Kirtanghar: Religious place of worship of Vaishnava sect

Kodali: An agricultural tool

Kodom Phul: One pair of decorative artificial flower use to hang for goodluck

Korsha/Karfa: Under tenant at will

Korsha Ryot: A category of tenant

Kolbani or Jalka: A rake to gather the refuse and sweeping

Krishak: Peasant

Kuji Thekera: A variety of tree which produce a sour fruit

*Kula*: Winnow for cleaning rice

*Kuthar*: An Axe

*Kumbhar/Kumar*: Potter

*Kusum*: Flower

Lakheraj: Revenue free land

Lakherajdar: Owner of lakheraj

Laheri: Lac worker

Lari-Chari: A goad for driving the oxen

Laru: Sphere shaped sweets

Laskar: Garo Chief

Lathi: Stick

Lafa/Lai: Green leafy vegetable

Leteku: A variety of fruit

Mandap: Beautifully decorated tent

Mahal: Tract

Mai: Agricultural Harrow

Maidan: Field

Makrari Maurasi: One kind of land tenure

Malikana: Compensation to owner of land

Marcha or Pan batta: Tax on Marriage

Masuli/Miad: A kind of demand fee

Mankuji: Penalty fee for surreptitious cultivation

Magan: Beg

Mankee: One type of cloth

*Mal/Mithar:* Sweeper

Mali: Gardener

Mahottar: Grant of land on privileged term

Maha Neem: A Mahogany family tree whose leaves taste bitter

Manjit: Indian Madder

Manikut: Particular site to place God in the Vaishnava religious institution

Mantra: A sacred and holy utterance

Mainao Buri: Goddess Lakshmi

Magh Bihu: Harvest festival of Assam

Marfat: A post or title

Marfatdar: Owner of Marfat

Mela: Fair

Mekhela Chador: Traditional dress of Assamese women

Mon: Quantity theory

Moktab: Traditional type of Islamic school

Moktar: An administrative post in medieval India

Mound: A mound is equal to 40 KG

Mouza: A fiscal division of land

Mouzadar: A revenue collector, on a commission basis, in charge of a mouza

Muchi: Shoe maker and leather dealer

Muffasil: Rural

Muga: One type of Silk product prepared from silkworm Antheraea assamensis

Muri: Puffed Rice

Naamah Shivaye: Reverence to God Shiva

Nagara: Musical instrument used during the time of Hindu religious ceremony

Nakam: One type of delicacy prepared by dry fish

Namghar: Religious house of Vaishnava sect

Nam kirtana: Songs of worship

Nankar: Rent free land

Nangal: Wooden plough

Narayanee: Koch Coin

Napham: A unique dish in Bodo cuisine

Napit: Barber

Naib: Deputy Manager

Narasingha: Curry tree

Nawab: King

Nayan tora: A species of flowering plant

Nazim: Governor

Nazarana: Tribute

Nij: Own

Nil: Indigo

Nilam/Nilami: Auction

Nirikh: Level

Nokma: Garo Chief

Noxa: Map

Ojapali: A combination of traditional three art forms of Song, Dance and Drama

Ojha: A man who pretends to cure by use of incantations

Onla Wngkhrwi: A popular Bodo dish

Pargana: A traditional grouping of villages for revenue purposes

Pachhi: Basket used for stowing rice

Patta: A document containing information about tenancy in details

Paduka: Footware

Padasila: Footprint

Pagha: Rope

Paisa: Lowest denomination of rupee (100 paisas equivalent to 1 rupee)

Pat: A silk product produced by Bombyxtextor silkworms

Patani: Traditional dress of Koch women

Patiyal: Mat maker

Patni: Ferrymen

Patum Salami: Premium levied on Settlement of land in Bijni

Paus/Puh: Name of an Assamese month

Paikar: Broker or dealer

Patgiri: Village accountant and revenue official

Paitrik: Ancestral land

Patichepta Pitha: One type of Pancake

Parda Nashi: Vail; seclusion of woman

Pasi: Toddy maker

Petbhata: Allowance

Phandis: People engage in elephant catching business

Phal: Iron Ploughshare

Phanati/Phanta: A sandal or shoe used by agriculturist

Phukan Dewanar Kayadabandi: A set of regulation written by Anandaram Dhekiyal Phukan

Pie: Equivalent to 1/192 of a rupee

Pir: Muslim religious preceptor

Pirpal: Grant of land for Muhammadian religious purpose

Pithaguri: Powdered Rice

Praja: Subjects

Puja: Worship

Pukhuri: Pond

Purohit: Priest

Puri: Deep fried puffed out wheat meal circles

Raj: Zamindary Estate

Rajbari: Residence of king

Raja: King

Rani: Queen

Rajbangsha: Raj family

Rani Maa: Queen mother

Rajpurohit: Royal Priest

Ram Rajar Garh: Embankment constructed by Ramsingha on the northern side of present

Abhayapuri town

Rajya: State

Rasi: Rope

Rasgulla: Sweetmeat balls in syrup

Riha: Upper cloth used by Assamese women along with mekhela chador

Rishi Muni: Monk or Saint

Ryot: Tenant

Ryot Sabha: Meeting of the tenants

Sabha: Meeting

Sal: One kind of valuable tree

Sali: A variety of paddy

Samiti: An association

Sanmilan: A meeting or an associate body

Sadar: Headquarter of District

Sajnis: A fine quality quilt

Sayer: Duties collected at hat, especially from the Garos

Salami: Gifts or fee

Sanad: A written authority

Satra: Religious instituation of Vaishnavite sect

Saru Rani: Younger Queen

Sarder: Leader

Sarukopah: A variety of cotton

Sariyaha: Mustard

Samo: Snail

Sanchipaat: Old manuscript

Sayel: Agricultural implement

Sewali: Night flowering Jasmine

Sezawal: An officer, specially deputed to administer and collect revenue

Shaloi: Cultivator

Shastra: Scripture

Shikari: Hunter

Shivabangshi: Lineage from Lord Shiva

Shiva Bhog: Food offering to God Shiva

Shebaits: Priest in charge of an idol or temple

Shehnai: A musical instrument

Siddhidata: Who can fulfil every wish of a person

Singhasan: Throne

Sivalinga/Sivalingam: Abstract or iconic representation of Hindu God Shiva

Sivaratri: Particular night of worshipping lord Shiva

Sikka: Coin

Sobai: Black Lentil

Sonar/Sonari: Goldsmith

Srabana: Month, which is considered auspicious by Hindu people

Sraddhya: A ceremony performed showing respect to a deceased person after 13-15

days of his expiry

Stotras: A literary genre in contrast to religious scriptures and Shastras

Subah: Authority of a province

Subadar: A governor of a Subah

Subanavis: Judicial Officer

Sukhowa/Sukhbasu: Privileged tenant

Subrnabanik: Banker and jeweller

Suri/Sunari: Winemaker

Sutradhar: Carpenter

Tadanta: Enquiry

Takavi: Agricultural loan

Tamol Pan: Betel Nut and Leaf

Tamuli: Sellers of Betel nut and leaf

Tankinavis: Surveyor

*Tanti/Tati*: Weaver

Tehsildar: Officer who collects rent from Dihi

Tekeli Pitha: One type of steamed rice flour cake

Teli: Oil presser

Tepar Tenga: A sour fruit

Than: Hindu religious institution

Thana: Police Station

Thora: Pestle of mortar

Tilak: One kind of marking in someone's forhead according to Hindu ritual

Til: Sesame

Til Pitha: A pancake made of rice with sesame and jaggery

Tokan: Stick

Tol: A primitive type of educational institution where Sanskrit is taught

Touzi: Annual ledger account of tenant's rent

Trisula: A trident

Tulsi: Basil Plant

Ukhani: An agricultural tool

Ural: A wooden mortar

Vaishnava: Worshiper of Bishnu

Vamsavali: Family lineage history

Vigraha: Statue or idol

Vijaya Dashami: Last day of Durga Puja

Wamgla: A harvesting festival of Garo community

Xandoh: Pounded Rice

Xiki: Term used for coin

Yuvraj: Prince

Zamindar: Landlord; also, a collector of land revenue

Zamindary: The jurisdiction of a Zamindar; Estate

Zipka: Rent free land grant