

GLOSSARY OF BODO TERMS

BODO NAME	-	ENGLISH MEANING
<i>Adei/Adwi</i>	-	The Paternal Uncle
<i>Agar</i>	-	Special female garment
<i>Aham Guru</i>	-	The Supreme God of Bodos belief traditionally
<i>Ai</i>	-	Mother
<i>Ailong</i>	-	The God of earth
<i>Alari gasa</i>	-	Earthen lamp
<i>Alongikhongnai</i>	-	The first activity of the exorcist
<i>Alowan</i>	-	Scarf
<i>Amtisua</i>	-	Agricultural rite observed in the month of <i>Ashara</i> (Assamese month) or unclean period
<i>Aronai</i>	-	Traditional hand woven small scarf
<i>Athmangal</i>	-	Post Marriage Ceremony
<i>Ba</i>	-	Five
<i>Bakri</i>	-	Granary
<i>Bar</i>	-	Air
<i>Barlangpha</i>	-	A male person who accompany by the <i>Bwirathi</i> during marriage
<i>Bwirathi</i>	-	Female attendant during marriage ceremony
<i>Bwisagu</i>	-	A spring festival of Bodos observed in the middle of April
<i>Bathou</i>	-	<i>Siju</i> (Euphorbia) plant worshipped as God and identified with Lord Siva by the Bodos. He is the incarnation of Aham Guru.

<i>Bathou Dhwrwm</i>	-	<i>Bathwo</i> Religion or traditional Bodo religion
<i>Bathou Bwrai/Brai</i>	-	The Supreme God of traditional Bodos
<i>Bathou Buri/Burwi</i>	-	Goddess of Bodos, the consort of the Supreme God
<i>Bwnanwi lainai haba</i>	-	Bridegroom physically overpowered on bride or forceful marriage
<i>Daha/Dasa Garnai</i>	-	A ritual ceremony for death of a person on 10 th day of the deceased where favourite foods are offered in the name of dead person.
<i>Dahal</i>	-	Shield
<i>Dhwrwm/Dhohorom</i>	-	Religion
<i>Dinga Puja</i>	-	Floating away of harmful God and Goddesses in the river
<i>Dokhana/Dokhna</i>	-	Traditional female dress (cloths) of the Bodos
<i>Dokhna-thinthai</i>	-	Plain <i>Dokhna</i> (female dress)
<i>Dokhna- ashar</i>	-	Ornamented <i>Dokhna</i> (female dress)
<i>Dongkha habnai haba</i>	-	Widow remarriage or man lives in widow's house as husband forever
<i>Domasi</i>	-	Harvesting festival
<i>Doudhini</i>	-	Female Priest
<i>Douri/Dauri</i>	-	Person who helps <i>Ojha</i> during religious ceremony
<i>Dwi</i>	-	Water
<i>Dwi dungbrud</i>	-	Tepid water
<i>Dwi gwthar</i>	-	Holy water
<i>Dwnkharlangnai Haba</i>	-	Marriage by elopement of boy & girl
<i>Dubri hagra</i>	-	Basil leave
<i>Endi ji/Eri</i>	-	Traditional popular warm cloth made from cocoons
<i>Gamcha</i>	-	Men wears hand woven fabric

<i>Garja Puja</i>	-	The religious ceremony where evils Gods are expelled from the village
<i>Gisib</i>	-	Bamboo fan
<i>Goi jora-pathoijora</i>	-	Pairs of areca nuts and leaves
<i>Goli</i>	-	Cowshed
<i>Gongona</i>	-	Jews harp
<i>Gwkha Gwkkwi Zanai</i>	-	Eating of bitter and sour taste
<i>Gwrjia Lakinai</i>	-	The system where the son-in-law has to stay in his father-in-law's house after marriage.
<i>Ha</i>	-	Earth
<i>Haba</i>	-	Marriage, to bear the responsibility of the earth on the or shoulder (<i>Ha</i> means soil or earth, <i>ba</i> means to bear something on the back)
<i>Hathasuni Khurnai</i>	-	Ceremony through which bride can enter the kitchen
<i>Hinjao Gwdan</i>	-	Bride
<i>Jotha</i>	-	Cymbals
<i>Jow/Zow/Zu</i>	-	Rice beer
<i>Jwi</i>	-	Glory/Rejoice
<i>Kherai Puja</i>	-	Religious festival of Bodos
<i>Katri-gasa-saonai</i>	-	Bihu of the crisis, lighting earthen lamp in the paddy field
<i>Kham</i>	-	Elongated drum
<i>Kharsonnai Haba</i>	-	Bride enters in-laws house before the mutual understanding
<i>Kwrwm</i>	-	Foot wear made of wood
<i>Mahari/bongso</i>	-	Clan
<i>Mahajan</i>	-	Rich man
<i>Mainao</i>	-	Goddess of Wealth (<i>mai</i> means paddy, <i>nao</i> means to keep or watch over)

<i>Mai gainai</i>	-	Paddy plantation with ritual performances
<i>Mekhela</i>	-	Hand woven female dress
<i>Muga</i>	-	Cocoon
<i>Nokor</i>	-	Family
<i>No ma no/Noma no</i>	-	The big house where the elder couple stay or main house
<i>Ojha/Oza</i>	-	A person who chanting <i>Mantra</i> /Oracle man during <i>Puja</i> or medicine man, who gives homemade medicine and amulet to cure sick person or diseases
<i>Or</i>	-	Fire
<i>Pandulipi</i>	-	Social codes of Boros
<i>Pathwi lai bisinai</i>	-	Divorce
<i>Poitha</i>	-	Foot wear made of wood
<i>Puja</i>	-	Religious related ceremony
<i>Sadwr</i>	-	Hand woven smaller piece of cloth
<i>Sandri</i>	-	Sieve
<i>Sanskranti</i>	-	Festival celebrated in the last day of <i>Chaitra</i> (Bengali month) month by eating sour and bitter taste.
<i>Saradu/Shraddhu</i>	-	Equal to the Sanskrit word <i>Sraddha</i> , A ritual ceremony for the death
<i>Serjha</i>	-	Violin of four strings
<i>Sewari</i>	-	Bamboo stick
<i>Somaj</i>	-	Society
<i>Swngnanwi Lainai Haba</i>	-	Marriage according to consent or arrange marriage
<i>Sibrai/Sibbwrai</i>	-	Lord <i>Siva</i>
<i>Siphung</i>	-	Bamboo Flute
<i>Seren/Sangra</i>	-	Trellis made of raw bamboo
<i>Thansali</i>	-	Altar place
<i>Tungri</i>	-	Sword
