

Glossary

Adhiyar- landless labourer who receives half of produce.

Bigha- Unit of measurement of land equivalent to one third of an acre.

Basti- Homestead land or home surrounding land.

Bora/Borah- An officer assigned with military duty over twenty *paiks*.

Brahmottar- Rent free grant for the support of the Hindu religious priests.

Chamua- Rich peasants who serve as members of *paik* without physical presence by direct payment of tax to the government's treasure.

Chukanidar- under tenant.

Debottar- Rent free land granted for maintenance of religious deity.

Dharmottar- Rent free grant land owned by religious institutions.

Duar- Mountain pass. Adjacent place of foothills and plain area.

Gamati- Usufruct land given to *paiks*.

Gola- Depot, store.

Got- Squad or Unit of *paik* consisting of three to four members.

Kala Azar- Black Fever.

Kani- Opium.

Kharikatana- Crown land.

Khat- Tract of waste land of their own.

Khel- Ahom state service of voluntary organization or a unit or division of people for specific purpose.

Khiraj- Fully assessed tax estate.

Khelwari- System of assigning duty to the male person for utilization of land and military service to the Ahom.

Lakhiraj- Tax exempted estate or rent free land.

Maund- Wight Measurement equivalent to 40 kg.

Moouza- A Revenue Circle or a Fiscal Unit.

Nal- Stick used for measurement of land.

Nisf-khiraj- Half assessed tax estate.

Paik- Voluntary labour and militiaman of Ahom.

Pharingati- Dry highland.

Pura- A measurement of land equivalent to two acres of land.

Rajkhowa- An officer under Ahom rule commanding over three thousand *paiks*.

Rupit- Arable land or wet paddy growing land.

Ryot- A peasant whose main occupation is cultivation.

Ryotwari- Land and Revenue Settlement directly established with the actual cultivators.

Saikia- An officer under Ahom government supervising over hundred *paiks*.

Satgharia- Seven clan of the Ahom royal family.

Satra- Religious temple of Vaishnavism.

Zamindar- A hereditary collector of revenue.