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Anjuman: An association or society of Muslims in Bengal.

Anna: The Sixteenth part of a rupee.

Ashraf: Respectable class of Muslims in India.

Atraf: Lower class of Muslims in India.

Aulia: Holy man of Muslims.

Baidya: One of an upper-class Hindu Caste.

Baishya: A member of the third caste amongst Hindus.

Bakr Id: One of the chief Muslim festivals.

Barkandaz: A troops.

Behadayits: The conservative class of Muslims.

Bhaddaralok: Middle class gentleman.

Bil: Small lake, Marsh.

Bramho Samaj: A council of Brahmans for theological and social discussion and arbitration.

Chakla: An administrative division of a country during Mughal period normally consisting of many parganas.

Dakatis: Bandit.

Dhobi: A washer man (by trade or caste).

Diara: Riverside.

Diwani: The right of collecting and receiving the revenue: hence Diwan: The chief officer in charge of the revenue department under the Mughal system of administration.
Fakir: Ascetic people in Muslim.
Faujdari: A tax levied for the support of the Police.
Ganja: A kind of drug. Botanical name: *Canabis sativum*
Hari Sabha: An assembly to discuss the glory of Lord Hari.
Hedayits: The progressive class of Muslims.
Ijaradar: Intermediary class of people in Bengal same as Jotdar, Talukdar.
Jollah: Weaver of Muslim community.
Kayastha: A caste amongst the Hindus.
Khal: Canal.
Khan Bahadur: Title of a noble class.
Khan Saheb: Title used by the members of noble class Muslims.
Madrassa: Higher school of Muslim.
Mahisya: A caste amongst Hindus.
Maktab: Elementary school of Muslim.
Moffussail: Small town.
Mollah: A Muslim theologian.
Mouli: Islamic law scholar or teacher.
Muchi: Cobbler.
Muhharam: The Muslim festival.
Namasudra: A Hindu community placed low in the social order.
Nawab: Title of the Governor of Bengal in late Mughal period. Title used by some Zamindar.
Nizamat Adalat: The court of the Nazim. Nazim: A viceroy; a governor; the title of the Nawabs of Bengal.

Pabnee: With the speed of the wind.

Pandit: Learned Hindu scholar, teacher.

Pargana: A former administrative division.

Pathsala: An indigenous elementary educational institution.

Raja: King. Title of a big Zamindar.

Rajbahadur: Title of honour conferred by the British Government.

Rajbanshi: A lowly Hindu caste chiefly of North Bengal.


Rupee: Monetary unit of Indian Government.

Santal: An aboriginal tribe of India.

Sannyasi: Ascetic people in Hindu.

Sicca: A silver currency issued by the Mughal Emperor and adopted by the English East India Company.

Swadeshi: An Indian national movement favouring home industries and boycott of foreign goods.

Thana: Police Station.

Toll: A school run by a Pandit, especially for imparting Sanskrit learning.

Zamindar: A landlord.

Zilla: District.