GLOSSARY

Amin: an Assessor

Edangazhi: a local measure

Fatwa: legal decision if a recognized Muslim jurist or scholar

Hajj: pilgrimage to mecca

Haji: one who has made the pilgrimage to mecca

Ilam: house of a nambudiri

Iman: faith, belief

Janmi, janmakkaran (sl), Janmakkar(pl): Holder of hereditary proprietorship in land

Jaram: Tomb

Jihad: A holy war

Kafir: Unbeliever

Kanam: Land tenure based on mortgage or lease

Kanakkaran(sl), Kanamdar, Kanakkar(pl): One who holds land on kanam tenure

Karamal: Miracle

Khutbah: Friday sermon accompanying prayers in mosque

Kovilakam: Palace

Kuttubanku: collective call for prayer

Madrasa: School in which children are taught religion

Mana: house of a Nambudiri

Maulavi: A title of respect for a Muslim religious teacher