Glossary of Selected Words

Bari: Un-irrigable cultivable lands capable of producing crops and vegetables except rice.

Dalits: Particularly Kami and Damai communities, who are at bottom level of so called caste hierarchy of traditional system and are supposed to perform black/goldsmith and tailor/band works.

Goths: Shifting cowsheds.

Hectare: A metric unit of square equivalent to 2.471 acres or 10,000 square meters.

Kharbari: Lands used for the production of thatch grass either used as roof material or fodder of livestock.

Khet: Irrigated terraces or lowlands used for production of rice crop.

Khoria: The traditional shifting cultivation practices.

Kipat: A tribal or community based land ownership and land holding system in which authority was vested on Rai or Limbu chief. The system was officially abolished by land act of 1964.

Kirat: The greater kingdom in eastern Nepal, containing areas east of Sunkoshi river with influence of Rai and Limbu communities before unification of the country.

NRs.: Nepali currency: one unit equivalent to 0.625 unit of Indian currency or 0.013 unit of US dollar.

Ropani: Unit of land area equivalent to 74 x 74 feet or 0.12571 Acre or 0.05087 Hectare.