

Glossary of Local Terms

- Bidi : Tobacco rolled in dried leaves for smoking  
(a kind of crude cigarette).
- Bill : Stagnant watery depression.
- Char : Land formed by river borne silt deposit.
- Gajan : A festival dedicated to Lord Shiva,  
celebrated in April (Bengali month Chaitra).
- Jhil : A narrow strip of stagnant water.
- Khal : Canal.
- Mouza : Since 1891 the first stage in the taking of a  
census is the preparation of a complete list of  
villages or mouzas. These contain 30 - 50 houses.  
(a) A parcel of land, boundaries defined either  
by the revenue survey or by later cadastral  
surveys, (b) It usually bears the name of the  
main village or collection of houses found on it,  
when the survey was made, but it does not  
necessarily correspond with the latter.
- Nadi : River.
- Nala : Riverlet.
- Poush : A Bengali month in winter.
- Utbandi : Cultivators who are mere tenants at will