### Glossary

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<td>Adivasi</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ayurveda</td>
<td>Herbal based indigenous system of medicine in India</td>
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<td>Cent</td>
<td>100 cents = 1 acre</td>
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<td>Grama Sabha</td>
<td>Village Assembly</td>
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<td>Kudumbashree</td>
<td>Name of the Kerala Gov’t’s poverty eradication programme that literally means ‘prosperity of the family’.</td>
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<td>Malayalam</td>
<td>Language spoken in Kerala</td>
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<td>Oorukoottam</td>
<td>Tribal assembly</td>
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<tr>
<td>Panchayati raj</td>
<td>System of local governance with district, block and village as three tiers</td>
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<td>Nambudiri</td>
<td>Malayali Brahmin</td>
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<td>Anthyodaya</td>
<td>A concept in Gandhian thought which Indicates development of the poorest of the poor</td>
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<td>Arasan</td>
<td>King</td>
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<td>Ull</td>
<td>interior region</td>
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<td>Nadu</td>
<td>land/region</td>
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<td>tree house</td>
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<td>Ur</td>
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<td>Mootu Kari</td>
<td>- Head man</td>
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<td>Poramban</td>
<td>- A solid unit used to measure grain (Bushel)</td>
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<td>KaniVelan</td>
<td>- Mother’s eldest surviving brother</td>
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<td>Parah</td>
<td>- a system like polygamy in which a Brahmin male could have sexual relationship with many Nair females.</td>
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<td>- Medicine man</td>
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<td>Sambandha</td>
<td>- The Deities worshipped by the tribals of Kerala</td>
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<td>Bhagavan, Bhagavati</td>
<td>- ancestral spirit</td>
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<td>Ayyappa, Sastha</td>
<td>- hill god</td>
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<td>- Syrian Christian cleric</td>
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<td>Kappiri, Bhuta, Pisachu</td>
<td>- The present ‘Thiruvalla’</td>
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<td>Aruvela</td>
<td>- The present ‘Poojar’</td>
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<td>Maadan, Maariamma</td>
<td>- The earliest inhabitant</td>
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<td>Mala deivam</td>
<td>- It is so indeed</td>
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<td>Mulakkaram</td>
<td>- clans</td>
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