# GLOSSARY

1. **AI**  
   Amnesty International
2. **Bandhs**  
   Closer
3. **Bandobast**  
   Arrangement
4. **BD**  
   Bajrang Dal
5. **BJP**  
   Bhartiya Janta Party
6. **DGP**  
   Director General of Police
7. **Hindutva**  
   Hindu Nationalism “Hindu-ness”
8. **IGP**  
   Inspector General of Police
9. **HRW**  
   Human Rights Watch
10. **Kar Sevaks**  
    Volunteer worker; a term for activist in Ayodhya movement
11. **OBCs**  
    Other Backward Class
12. **PC**  
    Police Commissioner
13. **PUCLDR**  
    Peoples Union for Civil Liberties and Democratic Rights
14. **PUCL**  
    People Union for Civil Liberties
15. **PUJA**  
    Prayer (*Hindu mode of worship*)
16. **PIL**  
    Public Interest Litigation
17. **Rath Yatra**  
    Chariot Procession
18. **Ram-rajya**  
    The regime of Rama; utopia
19. **Ram janambhoomi**  
    The birthplace of Ram (at Ayodhya)
20. **Ram shila puja**  
    Ceremonial consecration of bricks
21. **RSS**  
    Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh
22. **Sangh Privar**  
    The RSS “family”
23. **Taluka**  
    Administrative unit below the level of District
24. **Trishul**  
    Trident (three edge weapon)
25. **UDHR**  
    Universal Declaration of Human Rights
26. **UP**  
    Uttar Pradesh
27. **VHP**  
    Vish Hindu Parishad