

Glossary



Alchiki	The language spoken by the Santhal tribe in Orissa.
Arhar	Type of pulse
Ayurveda	Indigenous Indian system of medicine.
Baba	Hindi term for holy man.
Bada dukh	Term for leprosy among the Bhil tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Badvi	Term for magic among the Bhil tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Bahariya	Tribal group in Madhya Pradesh.
Bajra	A coarse grain used for preparing unleavened bread in North India.
Bai	Term referring to arthritis-like conditions among the Sahariyas.
Baiga	Tribal group in Madhya Pradesh.
Ban-ruff	Term referring to conditions like eczema and scabies among the Sahariyas in Madhya Pradesh.
Banda	Generic term for scars and numbness used by some Sahariyas in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh.
Bengali doctor	Generic term referring to unregistered medical practitioner or quack.
Bhajan	Hindi term for singing religious hymns in a group.
Bhatudi	Tribe in Orissa.
Bhil	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
Meena	Tribe predominantly living in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
Bhottada	Tribe in Orissa.
Bhuyan	Tribe in Orissa.
Chazon	Term for itching among the Sahariyas.
Chhau nritya	Traditional folk dance in Orissa and Bengal.
Desari	Term for traditional healer among tribes in Mayurbhanj district in Orissa.

Desi	Generic adjective in Hindi meaning pure.
Dhruva	Tribe of Bastar district in Chhattisgarh.
Dongaria Kondh	Tribe in Orissa.
Gadaba	Dravidian language spoken by a tribe of the same name in Northeast India.
Ganda	Tribe of Orissa.
Gayatri Pariwar	Hindu socio-religious organisation working in the areas of health education and environment, mainly in North India.
Gayatri Yagnya	Prayers of the Gayatri Pariwar.
Gond	Tribe found in several parts of Central, West and South India.
Gram	Type of pulse.
Gram panchayat	Village-level tier of the three-tier <i>panchayati raj</i> system.
Gujar	Landowning caste in North India.
Gunia	Term for traditional healer among many tribal groups.
Haat	Hindi term for temporary market.
Halba	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Jadi butti	Herbal treatment.
Jan Swasthy Rakshak	Health worker trained to provide basic health services in villages under an integrated rural health scheme of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
Janpad Panchayat	The block-level tier of the PRI system.
Jowar	A coarse grain consumed in North India.
Juang	Language spoken by some tribal groups in Orissa.
Jan Parishad	Block-level tier of the <i>panchayati raj</i> system.
Jan Sahayak	People's leader or adviser.
Janbhagidari	Hindi term for people's participation.
Kala jatha	Term for street theatre group in Chhattisgarh.
Kala pathak	Term for street theatre in Madhya Pradesh.
Kanar	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Kandla	Tribe in Orissa.
Khasi	Tribe in Northeast India.
Kisan	Tribe in Orissa.
Kirtan	Hindi term for religious prayers.
Kol	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.

Kolam	Tribe in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.
Kolha	Tribe in Orissa.
Korku	Tribe concentrated in Central and Western India.
Korh/kodh	Generic Hindi term referring to different types of skin problems ranging from copper-coloured patches of leprosy to leucoderma. It is also used derogatorily.
Korh vaabi	Term for leprosy among the Bhils in Madhya Pradesh.
Kotwar	Watchman.
Kotwar Munadi	<i>Munadi</i> is a traditional drum beaten by the <i>kotwar</i> to draw people's attention to any announcement to the village.
Kukara bai	Term for deformity in hands and feet among the Sahariyas.
Kushta	Originally an <i>ayurvedic</i> classification of skin afflictions including leprosy.
Lodha	Tribal group in Orissa.
Mahila mandal	Women's group.
Mahua leaves	Plant used for preparing liquor.
Mela Madai	Term for market among the Gonds in Madhya Pradesh.
Motali Mata	Term for leprosy among the Bhils in Madhya Pradesh.
Mukhia	Traditional village leader.
Munda	Tribe in Northeast India.
Muria	Tribe of Bastar district in Chhattisgarh.
Nukad natak	Street Theatre.
Naxalite	A Marxist-inspired social movement with its base in Northeast and Central India.
Oroan	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Palli sabha	Committee constituted at village-level for dealing with financial matters in Orissa.
Panch	Elected member of the <i>panchayat</i> .
Panchayat	Elected assembly, e.g., a village council.
Panchayati raj institution	Three tier system of local government in rural India.
Panchayat samiti	Committee constituted by <i>panchayat</i> , e.g. <i>swasthya samiti</i> (health committee).
Patbala	Term for leprosy among the Bhils in Madhya Pradesh.
Panch Prayas	Term used in Chhattisgarh to describe the active role of the PRI in leprosy elimination.

Paraja	Tribe in Orissa.
Project Bastaner	SAPEL project in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.
Project Guru	SAPEL Project in Durg district of Chhattisgarh.
Project Lanji	SAPEL project in Lanji block of Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh.
Project Gulaimal Project	SAPEL project in Khalwa block of Khandwa district in Madhya Pradesh.
Krushnaprasad	SAPEL project in Puri district of Orissa.
Project Kolli Hills	SAPEL project in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu.
Puja	Religious service.
Sabar	Tribe in Orissa.
Sachiv	Secretary.
Sahayek	Adviser or counsellor.
Sahariya	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Sahariya Vikas Adhikaran	Government department responsible for welfare of the Sahariya tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Sambhav	Gwalior-based NGO.
Santhal	Tribe in Orissa.
Saora	Tribe in Orissa.
Sarpanch	Elected chairman of the village <i>panchayat</i> .
Saura	Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.
Senjana Chaal	Medicinal plant used by the Sahariyas.
Sunnbai	Term for numbness in any part of the body among the Sahariyas.
Tendu leaves	Tobacco leaves.
Tribal hostels	Hostels of state-run boarding schools in tribal areas.
Tribal panchayat	Traditional system of self-government at village-level as different from the elected <i>panchayat</i> instituted within the framework of the <i>panchayati raj</i> institution.
Vaishno Mukti Samroh	Public functions organised by the Gayatri Pariwar in tribal areas to promote vegetarianism and discontinuation of liquor consumption among tribal communities.
Vimarsh	Bhopal-based NGO
Yuva mandal	Youth group.
Zila Parishad	District-level tier of the <i>panchayati raj</i> system.