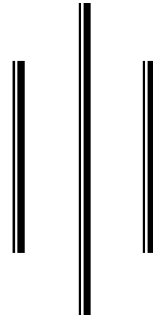
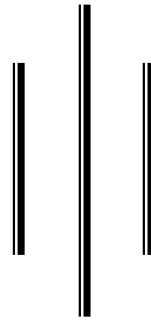


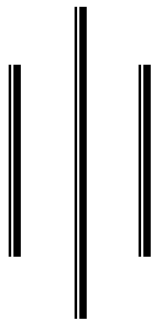
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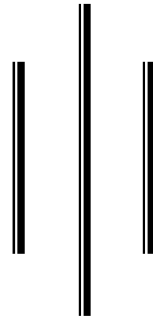


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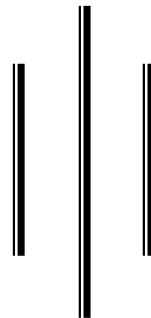


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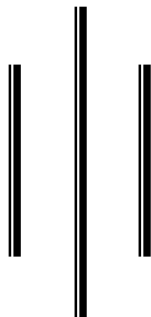
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Glossary of Local terms

aghorī	-	personified God who takes meat and liquor
arbikopi	-	state of devotion in which sect follower has discarded his/ her relation to family
B.k.	-	biswakarma (blacksmith)
babu	-	term to affection of young one
baishnav	-	a sect of Hindu religion (specially in Tarai area)
bani	-	labour charge
baniya	-	businessman
bauwa	-	term of affection to young one in maithili language
bhagwati	-	goddess
bhai	-	brother
bhandara	-	sect people's feast
bhar	-	obligatory responsibility on the part of kin to pay tribute to other kin
bhauri	-	conventional barter system between Udayapur and the study area
bhoj cut	-	exclusion from feast
bilauki	-	a ritual performed before the marriage heading to bride house
brathbandha	-	holy thread wearing ritual
chhewar	-	boy's first hair cutting ceremony of tarai castes
chilum	-	small smoking mud pipe
chulo khane	-	the custom of some groups who separately self cooked and not allow to touch those who take food in market places
dakshina	-	money offered to Hajam or Brahman by client after completion of ritual
dala(i)	-	basket
dewan	-	second rank man of informal caste body of terai caste
dhamini	-	is a collective name for God and Goddesses
Dhankuta	-	who's occupation to unhusk paddy
dhoti	-	long piece of cloth worn by male
dhuni	-	sacred fire place
dhup	-	fumigation
diyad	-	consaguineal relatives
dosh	-	ritual friend
gauwa	-	equally used synonym of jat samaj
gawadi	-	particular tarai caste's village level enforcing body
gotra	-	exogamous agnatic descent group traced to a mythical ancestor
grihat	-	client of service-caste
gumchha	-	thin cotton towel
guru	-	teacher
gwali	-	cow shed
gwar	-	synonym of yadav
hariani	-	given payment and cloths to chamar woman at the end of his childbirth assisting services
hatiya	-	the place where temporary market takes place
jat bhoj	-	caste brotherhood feast
jat cut	-	exclusion from caste
jat samaj	-	village level caste rule enforcing body of particular tarai caste
jat	-	caste; species
jogira	-	a kind of questioning and answering through the medium of songs between two choruses at holi festival

kabirpanthi	-	sub-sect of baishnav who takes material approach and refuses to worship god and goddesses
kabula	-	promise to deity made to offer something or worship with a condition of fulfilling certain desired thing
kaniyanirachhan	-	bride's first face seeing ceremony at patrifocal house
kankar	-	tobacco
kanthi	-	small sacred wood piece that sect followers worn either on neck or arm
katha	-	story
khalifa	-	local word equally used for pujegri
khan	-	annual grainpaid system to service rendering castes
khnoch	-	certain places of udayapur district previously people of Tudkiya went for transaction; gorge
khut	-	sub-division of tarai caste
kirtan	-	holy songs that performed by group in different occasions
kolhu	-	traditional oil pressing wood machine
kumar	-	boy age below the 10 years that needing for dhamani puja
kurta	-	loose shirt
kurthidal	-	one kind of rugged pulse
kutumb	-	affinal relatives
lama	-	a man who officiate Tamang ritual
mangen	-	first rank man of informal caste body of tarai caste
mantra	-	spell
nagpuja	-	snake worship
nankin	-	spiced fried pulses
pan	-	betel leaf
panchayat	-	inter-caste meeting of local elites
panchmole	-	committee of five men who decide the price of animal.
panghait	-	sub-division of tarai caste
parsauti	-	chamar women's traditional service on occasion of child birth to women client
parwal	-	perennial vegetable plant
patti	-	two step upper body of jat samaj
pokhari	-	pond
pujegri	-	who officiates worship at common village deity
puja	-	worship
ramaut	-	sub-sect of baishnav
sakkar	-	molasse
sampradaish	-	sub-sect of baishnav
sanskar	-	creed
santabhekh	-	sect of magar
sida	-	uncooked rice, vegetables and pulse especially offered to Hajam or Brahman on occasion by clients (reciprocal gift)
than	-	the common worshipping place
thar	-	sub-castes clan
tika	-	sectarian mark made on the forehead by saffron, sandal or unbroken rice
tilak	-	bridal payment given to bridegroom at the day of marriage engagement (dowry)
tudka	-	folded leaf bowl made for instant water drinking
tupi	-	tuft of hair left on the crown of the head by Hindu males