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# Glossary

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| Kamaiya       | - | Bonded labor                                    |
| Kamlari       | - | Female bonded labor                             |
| Rajput        | - | A kind of upper caste                           |
| Zamindar      | - | Landlord  |
| Jamin         | - | Land  |
| Jal           | - | Water   |
| Gardhuriya    | - | Householder                                     |
| Kuldevata     | - | Family god                                      |
| Guruwa        | - | A traditional village doctor in Tharu community |
| Jar           | - | Local alcoholic item                            |
| Dhikri        | - | Thick long shape food item of rice flour        |
| Jamara        | - | Wheat's grass used in Maghi                     |
| Bigha         | - | Unit of land in local measurement               |
| Khet          | - | Cultivated land/Irrigated land                  |
| Adhiya        | - | Crop sharing with the landlord and tenant       |
| Raksi         | - | Alcohol   |
| Langoti       | - | A kind of dress used in lower parts             |
| Bhoto         | - | A kind of dress used in upper parts             |
| Chura         | - | An ornament used in hands                       |
| Bulaki        | - | A nose ring                                     |
| Kalli         | - | An ornament used in arms                        |
| Bhoiyar       | - | Tharu temple                                    |
| Tharuwan      | - | Tharu area                                      |
| Pandavas      | - | Characters of holy Mahabharat                   |
| Barkimar      | - | Tharu religious book                            |
| Pahadiya      | - | People came from hilly area                     |
| Mahatawa      | - | A head of Tharu village                         |
| Bhutawa       | - | Tharu god                                       |
| Mandir        | - | Temple  |
| Dheurar       | - | Tharu god                                       |
| Satipratha    | - | A system to burn oneself with the dead husband  |
| Mahanto       | - | A Tharu leader                                  |
| Mela          | - | Feast   |
| Pradhan Panch | - | Elected member of local level                   |

|               |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| Tika          | - | Color used in forehead   |
| Dahit         | - | One of the Tharu group   |
| Gopinies      | - | Females  |
| Abir          | - | A kind of color  |
| Maharsiya     | - | Holy person  |
| Pooja         | - | Worship  |
| Kalahiya      | - | Tharu group  |
| Madal         | - | A musical instrument/drum  |
| Sikar         | - | Hunted animal  |
| Bhala         | - | A pointed weapon used to kill animal                                     |
| Barghariya    | - | Elder member of the family   |
| Bhalomansa    | - | Respected person of the village  |
| Anadi         | - | A kind of paddy  |
| Murahi        | - | A food item  |
| Tarul         | - | An eatable root  |
| Maad          | - | A liquid food item   |
| Sakharkhanda  | - | A sweet potato   |
| Bheli         | - | A sweet item made by sugarcane   |
| Bhanta        | - | A kind of vegetable  |
| Til           | - | A kind of food item used for making pickle                               |
| Kerako Taruwa | - | Fried banana   |
| Sadha         | - | Vegetarian   |
| Khichadi      | - | Rice made by mixing many items   |
| Jhol          | - | liquid   |
| Dhakiya       | - | A round like structure used for carrying things                          |
| Saag          | - | Green vegetable  |
| Kapuwa        | - | Vegetable item   |
| Siltung       | - | A pulse item   |
| Khariya       | - | A food item  |
| Ghonggi       | - | Snail  |
| Gangata       | - | A kind of insect   |
| Aam           | - | Mango  |
| Emili         | - | A sour eatable item  |
| Dholak        | - | A musical instrument   |
| Sahanai       | - | A musical instrument   |
| Dhamphu       | - | A musical instrument   |
| Jari system   | - | A system of paying certain amount after getting marrying a married lady. |
| Dhoopbatti    | - | A smelling item  |

## Abbreviation

|       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| BS    | : | Bikram Sambat                                     |
| CBS   | : | Central Bureau of Statistics                      |
| CERED | : | Centre for Educational Innovation and Development |
| DDC   | : | District Development Committee                    |
| INGO  | : | International Non Governmental Organization       |
| NGO   | : | Non Governmental Organization                     |
| VDC   | : | Village Development Committee                     |
| AD    | : | After Death                                       |

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