

Glossary of the terms used

<i>Adivasi</i>	: Tribal
<i>Alchiki</i>	: Santhali script
<i>Aman</i>	: Paddy crop cultivated during the monsoon
<i>Aush</i>	: First paddy crop harvested by early October
<i>Bandh</i>	: Strike
<i>Boro</i>	: Paddy crop cultivated in the spring
<i>Babui</i>	: A variety of long grass used for making strings and ropes
<i>Bidi</i>	: Indigenous <i>cigri</i> made of Kendu leaves
<i>Dalit</i>	: The lower caste people, Mahatma Gandhi called them as the untouchables.
<i>Durga Puja</i>	: The ten-day long festival of Goddess Durga, usually in the months of September or October
<i>Ganaadalat</i>	: People's court set up by the Maoists to deliver instant justice.
<i>Gram Panchayat</i>	: The lowest local self-government body at the rural level in India, comprising one large or several small villages
<i>Got tandi</i>	: A sacred place of the Santal, located near the Jaherthan
<i>Gurubaba</i>	: A kind of traditional medical practitioners of the Santals
<i>Hari</i>	: A Scheduled Caste community
<i>Harmad</i>	: Hired goons
<i>Haat</i>	: Local weekly market
<i>Jawan</i>	: Soldier (para military force)
<i>Jaherthan</i>	: Sacred grove of Santals

<i>Kali Puja</i>	: Festival of Goddess Kali
<i>Kendu pata</i>	: Leaf of the kendu tree (<i>Diospyros melanoxion</i>); used to make bidis
<i>Majhi</i>	: Headman of Santal tribal group
<i>Majhithan</i>	: A sacred place, which is located near Majhi's house or at the centre of a Santal village.
Multi-ethnic	: A village, which is inhabited by more than one ethnic groups
<i>Para</i>	: Hamlet
Panchayat Samiti	: Intermediate local self-government body at the block-level
Patta	: Deed of temporary ownership of land/land title document
<i>Pradhan</i>	: Chairperson of a Gram Panchayat
<i>Puja</i>	: Religious ceremony
<i>Red corridor</i>	: The wide region spanning from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangan, Chhatisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal to Bihar and up to Nepal. The region is marked by Maoist extremism over several decades.
<i>Sal pata</i>	: Leaf of sal tree (<i>Shorea robusta</i>)
<i>Soloaana</i>	: Traditional village council of the Santals
<i>Teli</i>	: A Other Backward Classes community
<i>Thana</i>	: Police station
Uni-ethnic	: A village, which is exclusively inhabited by one ethnic groups