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GLOSSARY

Safai karmacharis		Sweepers employed under Guwahati Municipal Corporation
Basti:		Slum settlement
Dhokoli mati:	:	Illegally occupied land
Nullah:	:	Drain
Khazana:		Treasury tax
Gali	:	A narrow lane
Daru batti	:	Illegal brewery shop
Metor:	:	Sweeper
Sarkari sakori:	:	Government job
Chowkidari:	:	Watchman
Bahi ghar:	:	A home that is not swept
Bowari:	:	Daughter-in-law
Nashta-pani:	:	Tea and snacks
Puja:	:	Prayer
Roti:	:	Unleavened bread
Sabji:	:	Cooked vegetables
Baai:	:	A paid domestic worker who performs cleaning tasks
Dhobi:	:	Washerman
Jootha:	:	Leftover
Jamadar/Jamadarni:	:	Sweeper
Randhoni:	:	Cook
Baideo:	:	Elder sister/ A female employer
Saree:	:	A garment draped around the body which is traditionally worn
		by woman of South Asia
Ghee:	:	Clarified butter made from the milk of cow or buffalo
Akhah nila:	:	Sky blue
Hi-fi:	:	Extravagant
Chalak:	:	Clever
Karahi:	:	A large round metal pot
Puja ghor:	:	Prayer house
Tulsi pani:	:	Holy basil water
Bura:	:	An elderly man

Jootha bartan:	:	Used utensils
Sua:	:	Polluted
Paap:	:	Curse
Bindi:	:	A coloured dot worn on the centre of the forehead
Sindoor:	:	Vermilion
Hungama:	:	Ruckus
Ghorua:	:	Homely
Chulbulia:	:	Flirtatious
Mora:	:	A lower stool
Sua-chuth:	:	Untouchability
Uporia niyom:	:	Unnecessary rules
Saas:	:	Mother-in-law
Bhari kaam:	:	Heavy work
Khet:	:	Paddy field
Malik:	:	Employer
Ghuguni:	:	Curry made with peas
Majboori:	:	Helplessness
Maiki:	:	Female
Randi	:	Prostitute
Malikini:	:	A female employer
Dal:	:	Lentils
Mukhor kotha:	:	Verbal agreement
Kaamor ghor:	:	Workplace
Kaam se matlab:	:	Strictly professional
Salwar kameez:	:	A dress that comprises of a trouser and tunic, which is paired
		with a scarf
Lower axomiya:	:	Dialect used by people of lower Assam
Kaamwali:	:	Paid domestic worker
Ghar:	:	Home
Bahir:	:	Outside

ABBREVIATION

NGO	:	Non-Governmental Organisation
NRC	:	National Registry of Citizenship
CAA	:	Citizenship Amendment Act
NSSO	:	National Sample Survey Office
GMC	:	Guwahati Municipal Corporation
SC	:	Scheduled Caste
NCRB	:	National Crime Records Bureau
CCTV	:	Closed Circuit Television
UNICEF	:	United Nations Children's Fund
NCPCR	:	National Commission for Protection of Childs Rights
YUVA	:	Youth for Voluntary Action
CDI	:	Centre of Development Initiative
CITU	:	Centre of Indian Trade Union





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