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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Akhand path: continuous recital of the holy book of the Sikhs

Banya: professional trading caste

Bharpunja: a person who roasts corn, chickpeas, etc.

Bigha: provincial land measure (usually 1000 square yards but varies regionally)

Chowkidar: watchman

Chaat: popular savoury spicy snack

Chabriwalla: a hawker who carries his wares in baskets tied to a rod, the rod slung over the shoulder

Charpoy: traditional north Indian bed made of a timber or bamboo frame with woven choir covering

Chowk: crossing

Dhoti: traditional male dress

Granth Sahib: holy book of the Sikhs

Hakim: herbal practitioner

Jagrata: ceremony involving staying awake through the night.

Jhuggi: thatched mud hut

Khadi Gramodyog: handweaving and village industries

Karma: deeds

Kabadi: waste materials

Kabadiwalla: a person dealing in waste materials

Khokha: temporary stall

Kumhar: potter

Mali: gardener

Path: recital

Paan: beetle nut rolled in special green leaves

Pattri: pavement

Pattriwalla: a person selling from the pavement

Pucca: permanent

Rehri: four wheeled barrow

Rehriwalla: a person plying a 'rehri'

Sari: traditional Indian women's dress

Sardar: 'Sikh'

Serai: common inn

Tandoor: traditional earthen oven used for baking 'rotis', chicken, etc.

Tempo: a term denoting a three wheeled goods transport vehicle

Conversions

In the early 1950s £1.00 was equal to Rs.13.00

At present £1.00 = Rs.18.50 approximately.