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Glossary of Assamese Vaisnava Terms

Adhikāra: The head of a satra;

Ankiyā-nāta or Bhāonā: One-act devotional plays written by Vaisnavite saints.

(Sk. Anka=an act, a type of drama).

Baka: Humming Bird.

Bargīt: A class of devotional songs attuned to classical Rāgas.

Bhakat: A devotee; (Sk. Bhakta).

Bhakti: Devotion.

Bhaṭimā: A devotional song employed in the Aṅkiyā-Bhāonā, (Sk. Bhāṭa).

Bhāonā: A religious performance; a dramatic show of Vaiṣṇavite dramas.

Bhakti mārga: Path of devotion.

 $Bh\bar{u}\bar{n}\bar{a}$: Landlord.

Carit-puthi: A biography of Vaiṣṇavite saints.

Cāri Vastu: The four fundamental principles of vaisnava, viz., Nāma, Deva,

Guru, Bhakat.

Campaka: Golden Champa.

Cihna-yātra: First abhinaya arranged by Sankaradeva. This may mean an

abhinaya performed by cihnas or mudras, gesturs.

Eka-śaraṇa: The supreme surrender to one God.

Ghoṣā: The Kīrttan-Ghoṣā by Śaṅkaradeva and the Nāmaghoṣā by

Mādhavadeva are popularly.

Guru: Preceptor.

Guru-Asan: Hols altar where on the sacred scripture is kept.

Gulāla: Clone basil.

Kathā: Prose; the word *kathā* is generally prefixed to the title of works

written in prose, e.g., Kathā-Gītā, Kathā-Bhāgavata etc.

Kāñcana: White orchid tree.

Kṛrttana: The act of chanting prayers; it is the name of a devotional Kāvya

by Śańkaradeva.

Kirttan-ghar: Prayer-hall; term used mostly in Lower Assam.

Mahāpuruṣīyā: Sankaradeva's sect.

Māh-prasād: Sacred offerings consisting of pulse, uncooked rice and fruit.

Mālati: Chameli.

Maṇikūṭa: The shrine where the Sacred Scripture or the idol of the deity is

installed.

Nām (*Nāma*): Names and attributes of God.

Nāmaghar: A prayer-hall.

Nāma-prasanga: Devotional services consisting of prayers, recitations and

religious discussions.

Prasād: Sacred offering.

Satrādhikār: Head of satra.

Śaraṇa: The initiation ceremony in which a neophyte is required to

surrender himself absolutely to the four fundamental principles.

Sāt-saṅga: A holy association.

Satrīyā: The head of a sattra holding a limited authority.

Seuti: Musk rose.

Sīrīsa: Siris tree.

Tamāla: Malbar ebony.

Tithi: Literally a lunar day; it also denotes birth and death

anniversaries of Vaisnavite saints.

 $V\bar{a}g\bar{\imath}$: Blue bell.

Vṛndāvanī-Vastra: The cloth on which the weavers weave the childhood activities

of Kṛṣṇa in Vrindavan as designed by Śaṅkaradeva.

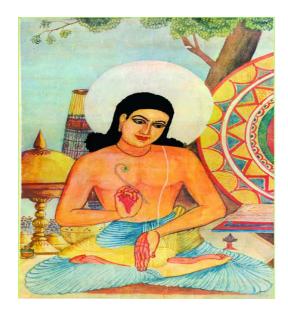
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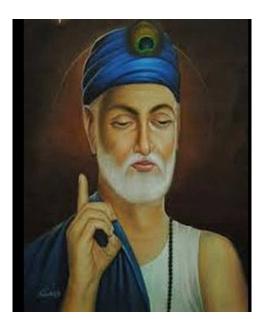
Balapan:

Friend. Bande: Bhajan: One kind of devotional song. Here Kabīr's Bhajana. Dhoondhe: Search. Garbhavās: Morther's womb. Kab: When. Kariho: Do. Where. Kahan: Search. Khoji: Main: I. Mein: In. Moko: Me. Moorat: Statue. Repentation. Pachchitān: Tarunāi: Youth. Taalāsh: Search. *Teerath*: Temple. Upās: Fasting. Vishwas: Faith. Old age. Vruddha:

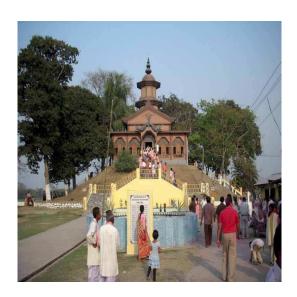
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Srimanta Sankaradeva



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Bardowa Doul



Temple of Kabir



Bardowa Than



Vrindavani Vastra



Guru Asana



Kabir Matha



Weaver Kabir



Inside of Matha



Sankari Music



Disciples of Sankaradeva



Sattriya Dance



Ektara & Khartal



Kabir's Disciples



Song and dance of Kabir Jayanti



Nam Prasanga



Devotional song of Kabir



Doul Yatra



People singing devotional songs of Kabir



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