**GLOSSARY**

**aarathi**  
Sindhi practice of showing burning camphor to the Guru Granth Sahib

**akhand path**  
uninterrupted reading of the Guru Granth Sahib

**amrit**  
Sikh baptism ordained by the tenth guru

**amritdhari**  
one who has received the baptism of the tenth guru

**aroras**  
Sikh traders

**bhai**  
brother

**bhai jaga**  
Sikh watchman

**bhappas**  
a particular community of Sikhs engaged in business in Singapore

**biradari**  
brotherhood

**Chura**  
Sikh caste for untouchables

**dan**  
selfless giving

**dhobi**  
lower half of a male Sikh’s garment

**Doaba**  
geographical region in Punja

**garibi**  
poverty

**Ghummar**  
Sikh caste

**giani**  
priest

**granthis**  
reciters and caretakers of the Guru Granth Sahib; “priests”

**guanxi**  
networking (Chinese)

**gurdwara**  
Sikh temple

**Gurmukhi**  
Sikh script used primarily for holy scriptures

**gur Sikh**  
disciple of the Guru

**Guru Granth Sahib**  
the Sikh scripture

**haven**  
Sindhi fire worship ceremony

**hesiat**  
esteeem

**bukummama**  
religious edict
izzare, honour
janmu, Sindhi sacred thread weaving ceremony
Jat, caste description for land-owning Sikhs
kachra, soldier's shorts; one of the five articles of the Sikh faith
kampung, village (Malay)
kanga, comb; one of the five articles of the Sikh faith
kara, steel or iron bangle; one of the five articles of the Sikh faith
katha, religious exposition
kesh, maintaining unshorn hair; one of the five articles of the Sikh faith
kesbdharis, unshaven Sikhs
khaddar, a form of textile
Khalsa, baptized Sikhs who done the five Ks
khek, guests (Thai)
kirpan, ceremonial dagger; one of the five articles of the Sikh faith
kirtan, religious music
langar, free communal kitchen/meal
longyi, traditional sarong of Myanmar
Majha, geographical region in Punjab
Malwa, geographical region in Punjab
milni, embrace/hugging
mona, Sikhs who do not maintain unshaven hair
mundel, Sindhi hair cutting ceremony
nagar kirtans, ceremony involving singing of hymns
Namdharis, Sikh sect that believes in the continuation of a line of gurus beyond Guru Gobind Singh
Neeldharis, Sikh sect identified through the blue belt believers wear around their waists
Panth, community
parcharak, preacher
patka, style of turban commonly worn by young boys
phai chara, extended relations
pukka, made of solid building materials such as bricks
quam, race/community
quanxi, business networks (Chinese)
Rehat Meryada, Sikh code of conduct
roop, appearance
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