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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS	
Abbreviations	Description
AISHE	All India Survey on Higher Education
APL	Above Poverty Line
Apnx.	Appendix
BPL	Below Poverty Line
CD Block	Community Development Block
DISE	District Information System for Education
Fig.	Figure
GBU	Gour Banga University
GEN	General
GRSW	Government Regular Salaried Workers
GP	Gram Panchayat
HBW	Home Based Workers
HS	Higher Secondary
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Services
Km.	Kilometre
No.	Number
OBC	Other Backward Classes
PG	Post Graduate
PRSW	Private Regular Salaried Workers
P&T	Professional & Technical
RSBY	Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
SC	Scheduled Caste
SD	Standard Deviation
Sl. No.	Serial Number
ST	Scheduled Tribe
SSM	Sarva Shiksha Mission
TLM	Teaching & Learning Materials
UG	Under Graduate
WB	West Bengal
X	Mean

GLOSSARY (Regional Terms)	
Terms/Words	Meaning/ Explanation
Adibasi	Scheduled tribes in India are generally considered to be 'Adibasi', meaning indigenous people or original inhabitants of the country.
Anganwari	Creche Established in Villages under ICDS Programme
Barind	Higher Elevated Area (A Physical Region/Division)
Beel	A Shallow Depression on land filled with water
Bidi	Indigenous cigarette made of Tendu Leaves or Tobacco Rolled in a leaf, to be smoked (Country Cigarette)
Bigha	A Unit of Measuring Land (1 Acre =3 Bighas in Malda)
Diara	The alluvial region formed due to the deposition made by fluvial action.
Gram Sabha	Village Assembly or A Gram Sabha may express such powers and perform such functions at the village level as the legislature of the state may, by law provide.
Kal Baisakhi	A local atmospheric disturbance formed due to excessive heating of the earth surface causes a thunderstorm.
Mauza	Revenue Village
Panchayat	Lower Stair of Three stage Panchayat system.
Prodhan	Political Head of Village
Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA)	Universal Elementary Education Programme
Sarva Siksha Mission (SSM)	Universal Elementary Education Programme Centre
Tal	Low Lying Region (A Physical Division of the District)