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List of Abbreviations

- BL-Bhutia-Lepcha
BLPF- Bhutia-Lepcha Protection Force
BKRYT- Bhutia Kay-Rab-Yargay Tsogpo
DESME -Directorate of Economics, Statistics, Monitoring and Evaluation, Government of Sikkim.
DIET- District Institutes of Education and Training
DLYC- Denzong Lhaday Yangki Chakchen
DPC- Denzong People's Chogpa
DTYC- Denzong Tribal Yargay Chogpa
GOI- Government of India
INC- Indian National Congress
IAS- Indian Administrative services
IFS- Indian Forest Services
IPS- Indian Police Services
JAC-Joint Action Committee
MP- Moyal Pronzom
NER- Net Enrolment Ratio
RMRT- Rangiyong Mutanchi Rong Tarzum
SDF- Sikkim Democratic Front
ST- Schedule Tribes
SSA- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
SC- Scheduled Castes
SES- Socio-economic status
SNC- Sikkim National Congress
SSP- Sikkim Sangram Parishad
STWA- Sikkim Tribal Welfare Association
SLYC- Sikkim Lho-Men Youth Council
SIBLAC- Sikkim Bhutia-Lepcha Apex Committee
SPSC- State Public Service Commission
SCERT- State Council of Educational Research and Training