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Abbreviations

AI:	Assets Index
ALR:	Adult Literacy Rate
ANC:	Ante-Natal Care
ANM:	Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery
APL:	Above Poverty Level
APY:	Atal Pension Yojana
ASHA:	Accredited Social Health Activist
B.D.O:	Block Development Office
BAI:	Basic Amenities Index
BPL:	Below Poverty Level
CSR:	Child Sex Ratio
CSWB:	Central Social Welfare Board
CTC:	Cut, tear & Curl
D.M. O:	District Magistrate Office
DB:	Duncan Brothers
DCHB:	District Census Hand Book
DDCKMU:	Darjeeling, Terai and Dooars Chia Kaman Mazdur Union
DPEP:	District Primary Education Programme
EAG:	Empowered Action Group
ELR:	Effective Literacy Rate
FOIGS:	Family Oriented Income Generating Scheme
GIS:	Geographical Information System
HHs:	Households
HPS:	High Performing States
HPWU:	Himalayan Plantation Workers' Union
HQLI:	Household Quality of Living Index
IAY:	Indira Awas Yojana
ICDS:	Integrated Child Development Scheme
IGNWPS:	Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme
ITA:	Indian Tea Association

IUCD: Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device
JSY: Janani Suraksha Yojana
KG: Kilogram/Kinder Garden
LPS: Low performing states
M.L.A: Member of Legislative Assembly
M.P: Member of Parliament
MDMS: Mid-Day Meal Scheme
MGNREGA: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MSL: Mean Sea Level
NFBS: National Family Benefit Scheme
NGOs: Non-Government Organisations
NMBS: National Maternity Benefit Scheme
NMBS: National Maternity Benefits scheme
NOAPS: National Old Age Pension Scheme
NOC: No Objection Certificates
NPE: Net Primary Education
NPS: National Pension System
NREGA: National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
NRHM: National Rural Health Mission
NRLM: National Rural Livelihood Mission
NUPW: National Union of Plantation Union
PDS: Public Distribution System
PF: Provident Fund
Ph.D.: Doctor of Philosophy
PLA: Plantation Labour Act
PMGAY: Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
PMMVY: Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
PSGICs: Public Sector General Insurance Companies
PTWU: Progressive Tea Workers' Union
RSBY: Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
Q₁: First Quartile
Q₂: Second Quartile
Q₃: Third Quartile
Q₄: Fourth Quartile

SAM: Simple Average Method
SCs: Schedule Castes
SGRY: Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojna
SGRY: Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana
SGSY: Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana
SHGs: Self Help Groups
SPSS: Statistical Package for Social Science
SRB: Sex Ratio at Birth
SRSWR: Simple Random Sampling Without Replacement
SSA: Sarba Siksha Abhijan
SSK: Shishu Sihsha Kendra
SSY: Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
STs: Schedule Tribes
T.V: Television
TB: Tuberculosis
TDPWU: Terai and Dooars Plantation Workers Union
TGs: Tea Gardens
TIPA: Terai Indian Tea Planters Association
UNICEF: United Nations International Children's' Emergency Fund
USK: Upa Sastha Kendya
WBCMS: West Bengal Chia Mazdur Sangha
WHO: World Health Organisation