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ACC – Accessibility
AGFI - Adjusted Good of Fit
AMOS - Analysis of Moment Structure
ASV - Average Shared Variance
AVE - Average Variance Extracted
BI -Behavioural Intent
CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate
CBT –Community Based Tourism
CFA – Confirmatory Factor Analysis
CFI - Comparative Fit Index
CR - Composite Reliability
DI - Destination Image
ECER - East Coast Economic Region
EFA - Exploratory Factor Analysis
EFE - External Factor Evaluation
FEE- Foreign Exchange Earnings
FTA- Foreign Tourists' Arrival
GDP- Gross Domestic Product
GFI - Goodness of fit statistic
GOI- Government of India
HOLSAT –Holiday Satisfaction
IBEF- Indian Board Equity Foundation
IFE - Internal Factor Evaluation
KECOBA - Kenya Community-Based Tourism Network Database
KSPN - Strategic Areas of Indonesian National Tourism
LED - Local Economic Development Programme
MI - Modification indices
MLE - Maximum Likelihood Estimation
MM - Measurement Modeling
MSV - Maximum Shared Variance
MTE - Memorable Tourism Experience
NFI - Normed Fit Index
NGO –Non-Government Organisation
PCA - Principal Component Analysis
PGFI - Parsimony Fit Indices
PLS –Partial Least Square
RMR - Root Mean Square Residual
RMSEA - Root Mean Square of Approximation
SAF -Safety & Security
SAT - Tourists' Satisfaction
SEM –Structural Equation Modeling
SQ - Service Quality

SRMR - Standardised Root Mean Square Residual

SWOT - Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats

TOWS - Threats, Opportunities, Weaknesses and Strengths

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UNESCO -United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNWTO- United Nations World Tourism Organization

WTO –World tourism organisation

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