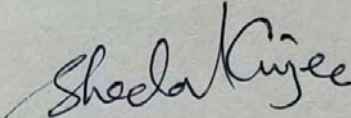


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CD:	Community Development
CRPF:	Central Reserve Police Force
DCHB:	District Census Handbook
DFO:	Divisional Forest Office
EFA:	Environmental Foundation for Africa
EMRS:	Ekalavya Model Residential Schools
FGD:	Focused Grouped Discussion
FRA:	Forest Rights Act
FMR:	Female-Male Ratio
FSI:	Forest Survey of India
GER:	Gross Enrollment Ratio
GNP:	Gross National Product
GoI:	Government of India
GoWB:	Government of West Bengal
Ha:	Hectare
HDI:	Human Development Index
HDR:	Human Development Report
ICDS:	Integrated Child Development Scheme
ILO:	International Labour Organisation
IMF:	International Monetary Fund
IMR:	Infant Mortality Rate
IP:	Indigenous People
ITDP:	Integrated Tribal Development Project
IWGIA:	International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
LAMPS:	Large Area Multipurpose Societies
LIC:	Life Insurance Corporation
M:	Municipalities
MC:	Municipal Corporation
MGNREGA:	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MMR:	Maternal Mortality Rate
MoPR:	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
MoSPI:	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
MoTA:	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
NCST:	National Commission for Scheduled Tribe
NEFA:	North East Frontier Agency
NFHS:	National Family Health Survey
NGO:	Non-Government Organisation
NSDC:	National Skill Development Corporation
NSSO:	National Sample Survey Organisation
OBC:	Other Backward Classes
OECD:	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PBAKOSP:	Paschim Banga Adibasi Kalyan O Siksha
PESA:	Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas)
PVTGs:	Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups
SECC:	Socio-Economic and Caste Census
SC:	Scheduled Caste
SLF:	Sustainable Livelihood Framework
SSB:	Sashastra Seema Bal

ST:	Scheduled Tribe
TAC:	Tribal Advisory Committee
TLU:	Tropical Livestock Unit
TSP:	Tribal Sub-Plan
UNDP:	United Nation Development Programme
UNESCO:	United nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WBTDD:	West Bengal Tribal Development Development
WPR:	Work Participation Rate
WSSR:	World Social Situation Report